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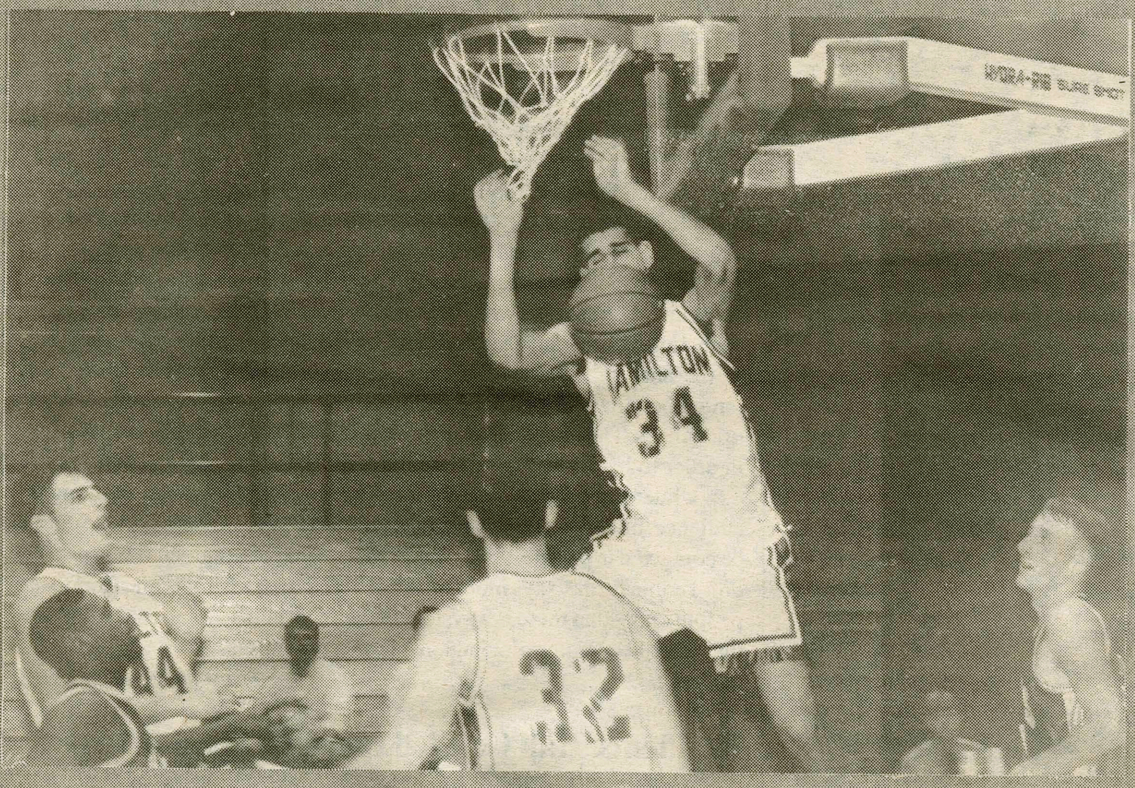

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Mike Schantz '99 takes it to the hoop for an emphatic dunk. The Continental men's basketball team opened its season this week. Full story, page 20.

Candidates speak out in live WHCL presidential debate

By Peter N. Gaston '99
NEWS EDITOR

STUDENT ASSEMBLY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

**Sue Greenspan '99
And Yungjin Oh '98
vs.
Tom McGovern '00
And Tim Palmer '00**

Candidates running for the positions of president and vice-president of Student Assembly participated in an informal debate on WHCL 88.7 FM last night. The program provided time for the candidates to discuss issues that will be on the minds of students when they cast their votes on Tuesday.

Moderated by Jim Eisenberg '98 and Carrie Fassett '99, the debate featured presidential candidates Sue Greenspan '99 and Tom McGovern '00 and Greenspan's running mate, Yungjin Oh '98. Tim Palmer '00, McGovern's vice-presidential candiate, could not appear due to illness. The candidates answered questions posed by the moderators and took questions from callers.

First, a brief profile of the candiates:

Greenspan is currently president of the Class of 1999, a post which also entitles her to a seat on SA. She said she "understands how things work here, and has encountered the ideas of others." While Oh has not served on SA, he is currently president of Hamilton's all-male *a capella* group, the Buffers.

McGovern was president of his high school's student assembly from freshman year through his senior year. He founded a political action group

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Finances, buildings head agenda for Trustees' visit

By David H. Townsend '97
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As students look forward to their last week of classes, administrators are looking ahead into the next decade. The Trustees of the College will descend upon the Hill for their December visit this weekend, and during meetings with nine subcommittees, the administrators hope to guide them on discussions of long term planning involving the academic and physical environment at Hamilton.

Trustee weekend is a time when almost every issue affecting the governing of the College is addressed. In the midst of an extensive curriculum review and a facilities audit to determine the needs of the College for the next century, Hamilton is in a time of intense self-evaluation.

The Trustees will meet in several different committees, each focusing on a different aspect of the planning.

The Budget and Finance Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Investment Committee to review the performance of the endowment. These committees will also discuss the spending formula by which the College uses endowment Funds. Currently, the College restricts itself to spending 5% of the interest generated from the endowment. While this is the industry average, it would be in the interest of the College to decrease this percentage. A draw of 4.5% may also reflect actual spending better. According to President Eugene M. Tobin, while the College is allowed to spend up to 5% of the interest, actual spending has been around 4.5-4.8% over the past several years.

The Budget Committee will also briefly discuss charges for the 1998 academic year. Tobin gave no indication of whether there would be an increase in tuition.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will hear a report on the 5-10 year outlook for student housing. Renovation plans for the recently acquired Delta Upsilon House, Dunham, and the yet to be purchased Chi Psi Lodge will be reviewed.

Workers began cleaning out Dunham this week, and plans for its renovations are in the Residential Life office. Renovations to

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Language Learning Center opens in C-J

By Kathy Webber '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Hamilton College recently finished an upgrade of its audio/video Language Lab, renamed the Language Learning Center by the Foreign Language Department. Located in Christian A. Johnson 301, the center provides students with access to both the traditional audio and video technologies as well as new multimedia computer facilities.

The new facility contains new computer workstations made up of twenty networked Power Macintosh computers, CD-ROM, and computer interactive laserdisc players. In order to accommodate the new workstations, funding provided for additional electrical power, wiring for Internet access, new mahogany finished tables, and cushioned chairs.

The College was able to perform the upgrade because of the generous $121,000 grant from the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation. In past years, faculty and students have been interested in the renovation of the lab to include new technology. Dean Bobby Fong was very supportive in obtaining the required college funding needed for the renovation. Not only did the grant enable the upgrading of the facilities, but it also provided the financial support for a part-time supervisor and a faculty workshop in the spring.

Mary Beth Barth, Director of the Critical Language Program and the Language Learning Center, is very enthusiastic about the new facility. "We wanted to create a high-end learning environment for the students which was also inviting and comfortable," she said. "We kept the best of the traditional, yet we moved forward." The lab still includes the audiotape consoles and the video viewing stations which are still used by many students.

The Foreign Language Department faculty is very supportive and excited about the new Language Learning Center. Many professors

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Focus on sexism, racism in Opus discussion

By Sam Evans '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Cafe Opus was the sight of an intellectual debate Wednesday afternoon. The topic of the casual discussion that sporadically escalated into heated arguments was racism and sexism on campus.

A majority of the opinions voiced agreed that racism and sexism are indeed problems at Hamilton that need to be appropriately addressed equally by students and administration. Nobody at the discussion said that racism and sexism were not campus problems.

Nadia Sangster 00' skillfully mediated the event, which had drawn a crowd of more than 50 at its conclusion. A panel consisting of Shelley Haley, chair of the Classics Department and professor of Women's Studies, Rick Werner of the Philosophy Department and Sangster led the discussion at first.

Werner argued that racism and sexism continue to exist on campus because dealing with these problems is not in the immediate financial interests of the college

"It is not good for business to acknowledge sexism and racism as a problem," he said.

As the audience became increasingly involved in the discussion, issues of modern society broadened the scope of debate. "I think that the problem at Hamilton can't be solved until it is solved in general society," said Haley.

Many targeted ignorance and insecurity as the primary causes of intolerance both on and off the hill. One student argued that we need to strengthen their [racists and sexists]

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New facility interprets language needs

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are utilizing web-based activities in their curriculum.

"I am still a beginner, but I am learning," said Martine Guyot-Bender, a French professor. She is using the internet to access current French newspapers for her students to read, and she hopes to connect with other college French professors over the internet in the near future. Professor De Bao Xu has created software for his Chinese students to use in the new center. He considers the lab a necessity, and feels the technology is very useful in his teachings.

Language students are able to access current material for Spanish, French, German, Russian, Chinese, Swahili, Swedish, or almost any language. They have access to current newspapers and radio broadcasts. The Language Learning Center has a web page that can be accessed through the Hamilton home page.

Annette Clark, the supervisor of the Language Learning Center, is eager to help students and faculty utilize the new technology. She assists professors in finding appropriate software for students to use. Clark encourages students to use the center at any time and ask for help. She feels that students can benefit immensely from the new software being offered.

The grand opening and software fair of the new Language Learning Center is planned for the spring term. Barth is eager to present the upgraded facility to the entire Hamilton Community, "We have a wonderful Language Learning Center to show off!"

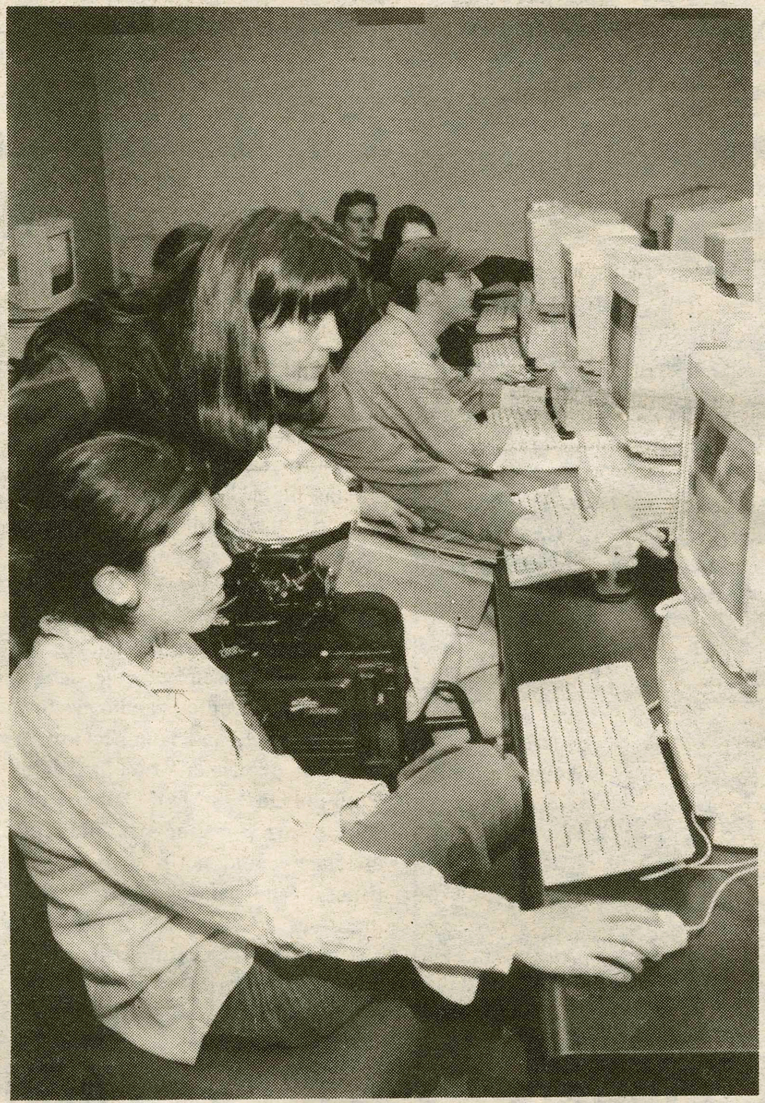

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PHOTO COURTESY LANGUAGE LEARNING CENTER

Professor Martine Guyot-Bender assists Susan Dyer '99 on one of the new computers in the Language Learning Center where Guyot-Bender taught a session of French 200.

HAMILTON COLLEGE

NEWS BRIEFS
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Race, sexuality on agenda for open forum

On Monday, December 9 there will be an Open Forum nIght in the Events Barn. This public setting will allow students and faculty to discuss experiences with race and sexuality. There will be a panel of faculty and administrators to spur dialogue between audience members. This panel will include:Nancy Robinowitz, moderator, Jennifer Hayes, Sharon Gormley;Community Relations Board, Rafael Allen;student, Melanie Kaye Kanthovitz, President Gene Tobin and Nancy Thompson.

This panel hopes to accomplish an evening where dialogue about harassment on the Hill will encourage others to seek support if they have been victimized. The panelists are there to introduce the topic and listen to the sharing of audience members' experiences. It is important to remember that this night, however, will not merely be an airing of grievances. The main purpose of this public forum is to share experiences in order to help others know that they are not alone.

Understandably some instances are too difficult to express among an audience, but maybe some speakers will serve as familiar faces who could be contacted in private. "This night emerges out of a real sense that people don't come forth," says moderator Nancy Robinowitz. It is an effort to let people know that there is a system that will be able to address the wrongs that have been committed against innocent victims.

—Suzanne Dougherty '00

Residence Hall Council sponsors holiday festival

This Saturday, December 7th, the RHC will be sponsoring a communty wide festival to help spread some holiday cheer to the area's children. Located in the Events Barn from 10-2, the Children's Festival will provide an opportunity for Hamilton' s students to enjoy games and activities with the younger population of Clinton.

This event will be covered through the media and it is expected to be a huge success. All students are encouraged to participate. If interested please contact Kat Charles @0926 to sign up.

—Suzanne Dougherty '00

Trustee committees look at renovations, curriculum, early decision

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Dunham are scheduled to go forward, and the impending purchase of the Chi Psi house awaits the approval of Chi Psi alumni. Planning for student housing is a difficult area for the College to enter into any long term planning because of the status of the fraternity houses. The dilemma of whether to build new houses to accommodate students, or to wait it out hoping to acquire the remaining houses in existence since the Residential Life Decision.

In addition to student housing, the Building and Grounds Committee will discuss the construction of a greenhouse on-campus. The proposed sight of the greenhouse is the north side of the science building. Light considerations as well as proximity to the science departments played a role in determining the spot.

Renovations to Commons will also be discussed. "It is a beautiful building," says Tobin, but it needs some structural work and the interior may be changed to make the building more acoustically friendly.

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Other committee meetings will address the awarding of honorary degrees, review plans for the next capital campaign which, according to Tobin, should be launched sometime next year. Dean of Faculty Bobby Fong will meet with the Instruction Committee to review the ongoing facilities audit and to discuss the current science facilities and their possible future needs.

The Admission Committee will take a closer look at early decision information with Dean of Admission Rit Fuller.

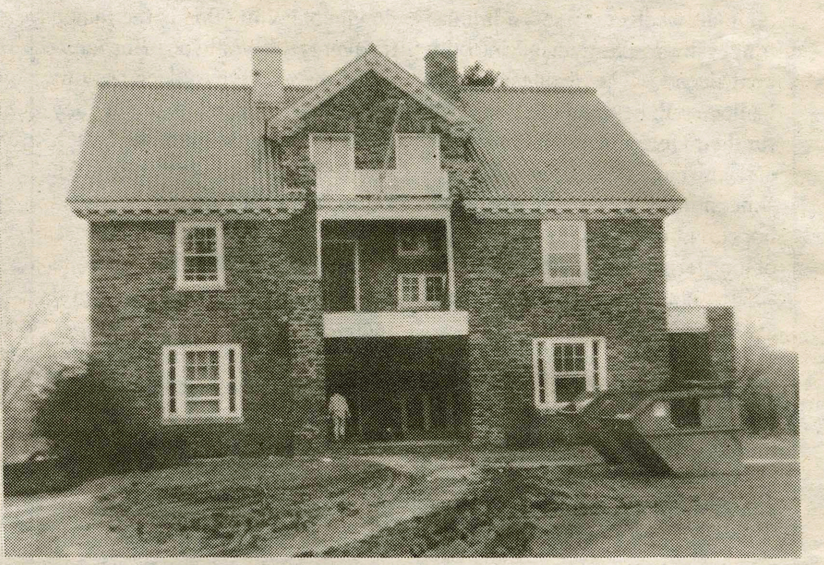

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Renovation began recently on the Delta Upsilon House which the College purchased earlier this year.

Opus forum tackles issues

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consciousness of the diverse population surrounding them.

"People are too comfortable to confront their own insecurity," said another student.

"How can we make this campus more aware of our cultures and discriminations and prejudices when we can't even get together ourselves?" asked another.

Hands shot up and the discussion took off when one student argued that changing such attitudes and beliefs is too idealistic a goal to achieve in a four-year institution like Hamilton. He maintained that those with racist and sexist views are unlikely to attend such discussions, and are more likely to create an underlying, primarily unpublicized environment that breeds contempt for minority groups.

One response praised the power of individuals to instill tolerance, or at least force people to question their own views. She believed that altering one person's attitudes can start a chain reaction of better understanding throughout campus.

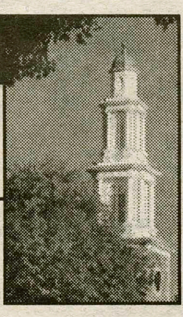
Addressing the Administration's role in dealing with these problems, Haley said "If the administration sees that a critical mass wants to have a response from higher authority, it will happen. Somebody just has to light a fire under people."

BETA BETTER EDUCATION TODAY ASSOCIATION
ART SHOW AND OPEN HOUSE
Sat. December 7 at the Sigma Phi House
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
FEATURING ARTWORK FROM THE HAMILTON COMMUNITY AND THE MOHAWK VALLEY
PLUS LIVE JAZZ!!
COME DOWN AND SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Aaron Armstrong '00



Students use telephone to get grades at U. of Texas

Soon students at the University of Texas-Austin will be able to access their course grades and GPAs toll-free by phone or on the World WideWeb two weeks after the semester's end. The 1-800-687-8371 TEX number will be available Dec. 21 through Jan. 6. The information will also be on the web by Dec. 21 where it will remain indefinitely.

Last year about 11,000 students called long-distance to get their grades through TEX. The new service will save the student body about $4,200 a semester in long-distance charges. Yet it is unsure how much the new services will cost the University or how many students will take advantage of them.

Jeff Tsai, Student Government president, said he worked to convince administrators to use the $5 fee each student pays to finance the toll-free service.

Some students said they do not see the relevance in saving $2 or $3 in long-distance charges. "I think it's a good idea, but I really don't mind paying the $2," said Brian Aldsworth, a natural sciences senior.

The University has looked at opening the toll free number for all TEX services but found that the cost would be too high. "The reason is because we can't afford to do that," said Mike Allen, the schools associate registrar. "Look, if all we're talking about is grades, we can afford to do that, that is a finite cost. ... It's a service students can use and we can afford."

Tsai said he does see a 1-800 number for all TEX services in the future.

Colgate students denounce US News and World Report rankings

At last Tuesday's Student Senate meeting, senators voted in favor of a resolution submitted by Senior Class President Phil Aba regarding the denouncement of the current ranking system used by U.S. News & World Report in their Best Colleges issue published each year.

The resolution, which calls for changes to be made to the current system, asks the University to join other institutions in discrediting the validity of the rankings.

In the resolution, Aba cites the inability of U.S. News to accurately rank universities across the nation and requests changes such as "[an] alphabetical listing of schools, rankings only in specific areas (e.g. student/faculty ratio), standardized questionnaires for all institutions, and a system of auditing all figures published."

Such requests were made as a result of an anti-rankings campaign that has been launched by The Forget U.S. News Coalition (FUNC), a national group made up of approximately 40 colleges and universities.

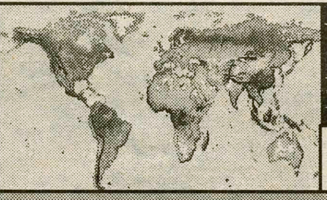
Now that the Senate has passed the resolution, Aba may proceed and request that the administration assist the Senate in writing letters to U.S. News & World Report. Such letters would inform the magazine that their rankings are not justifiable.

Workers cause oil spill in basement of new Boston University building

Oil company employees accidentally spilled 1,400 gallons of heating oil into the basement of the new Rafik B. Hariri Building during a routine oil-tank refill Tuesday morning. The oil tank overflowed as it was being filled by employees of Supreme Oil Company at approximately 8 a.m., according to James Bove, associate director of Boston University's office of environmental health and safety.

"Basically, the oil company overfilled the tank, [and] it appears that the overfill alarm malfunctioned," Bove said. The 6,000-gallon tank is equipped with an outside alarm that sounds when the tank is 90 percent full, but the alarm apparently failed. "It's a pretty sophisticated alarm system, and so we're trying to determine if it did malfunction," he said.

Bove said the oil puddled on the self-contained tank room floor. It was then pumped back into the tank by a Philadelphia-based cleanup company, Risk Environmental Assessment Control Technologies Inc., which is contracted by the university. Bove estimated that the cleanup cost was less than $1,000, and he said the spill posed no danger to the students and faculty who work in the building based on their scholastic potential.



WORLD NEWS

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Paris bombing renews fear; Algerian terrorist group suspected

PARIS - Troops are patrolling French cities and borders on Thursday in response to Tuesday's bomb in a Paris rush-hour train. Algerian Islamic guerrillas are suspected to be involved in the bombing which killed two people and triggered fears of a new rash of attacks. The bomb, a 15-pound device, actually a gas canister packed with gunpowder, nails, nuts, and bolts, exploded during rush-hour in a crowded commuter train in southern Paris. Tuesday's attack was reminiscent of last year's wave of bombings carried out by Algerian Muslim fundamentalists which killed eight and injured dozens. French police are currently investigating Algerian militants who are battling the French-backed military government in a war in their homeland that has claimed an estimated 50,000 lives since 1992. Since Tuesday's bombing, drastic measures have been taken to deter future attacks and reassure the public. A total of 1,870 troops and 1,700 paramilitary gendarmes were ordered out to back up police. Also, French customs agents were asked to help by tightening security at borders, ports, airports and railway stations. So far, 14,000 crash barriers have been erected to prevent car bombs from being parked near school entrances. Spot checks were made on cars on the Champs-Elysees and guards at stores searched Christmas shoppers' bags. Police also handed stickers to travelers on the Métro urging them to be alert for suspect packages. (Reuter)

Greece crippled as farmers protest

ATHENS - Greek Prime Minister Costas Simitis appealed to thousands of farmers on Thursday to end a crippling eight-day blockade of road and rail links, saying it was posing a serious threat to the economy. "The taking over of national roads and paralyzing transport are putting an unbearable cost on the economy," said Simitis in his first public comments since the farmers began seizing road and rail links last Thursday. Simitis asked the farmers, who have blocked land links around Greece with a fleet of 10,000 tractors, to lift their barricades but his request came in the form of veiled threats. The farmers want better price supports, cheaper fuel, the rescheduling of $1.3 billion in debts and lower Value Added Tax on farmer equipment. Simitis gave no hint of what he would, or could, do to force the defiant farmers off the roads. Their tractors are now five abreast and stream for miles at more than 40 main junctions around the country. International and domestic land transport has ground to a halt and queues of stalled vehicles stretch along motorways with irate drivers complaining about food, water and sanitation. The farmers have also shut the borders with Bulgaria and Turkey and have cut land links between Athens and the city of Salonika. (Reuter)

Deputies riot in Ukranian parliament over commemoration of Stalin

KIEV - Punches flew in the Ukrainian parliament Thursday after a communist deputy raised the hammer and sickle to commemorate the signing of Josef Stalin's constitution 60 years ago. "Dozens of deputies went in to seize the flag and rip it up. Several communists tried to defend it, so it is not surprising that people got punched as a result," right-winger Mykola Porovsky, who heads the Republican Party. In the fracas, one deputy hurled the red Soviet flag to the ground and Porovsky grabbed it and ripped it to shreds. Witnesses said up to 20 deputies were involved in the confrontation. "The communist swarm raised the red flag. This caused justifiable indignation from several factions. We perceived this as an insult to the memory of millions of Ukrainians who died in Stalin's repressions," Porovsky said. The communists, who yearn for the Soviet Union and believe Kiev should rebuild a union with Moscow, were commemorating the day the 1936 Soviet constitution was signed, giving the Communist Party unlimited power. But other parties in parliament treasure Ukraine's independence from Moscow, won in 1991 and set in stone in the country's first constitution signed last summer. "This was not the first time a flag was destroyed in a parliament on former Soviet territory and it won't be the last," said a Ukranian politician. (Reuter and New York Times)

NATIONAL NEWS

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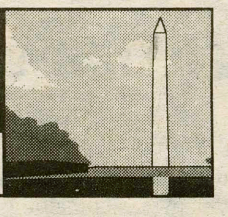
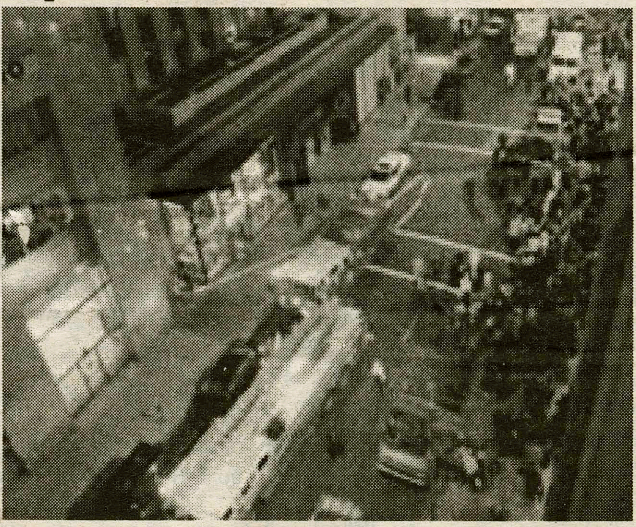


Explosion rocks Rockefeller Center



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NEW YORK - An explosion in the Time Warner building in Rockefeller Center Thursday night rattled windows and threw debris into the street, witnesses said. Three people were reported injured. Police department spokesman Officer Robert Samuel said the department had a report of a small fire in the kitchen of a restaurant. A large blast was heard and vibrations felt in nearby office buildings as black smoke billowed from the roof of the skyscraper. After the explosion sounded, people poured out of the Time Warner building into Rockefeller Plaza, which was crowded as always for the Christmas Tree. (AP)

Clinton begins forming new Cabinet

President Bill Clinton took a big step toward shaping his second-term Cabinet today, naming U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright as Secretary of State and retiring Republican Sen. William Cohen as Secretary of Defense. Clinton said his new national security team has the experience, judgment and vision to deal with a changing world and its problems, including terrorism, drug trafficking and ethnic and religious conflicts. Clinton praised Albright, who will become the first female Secretary of State, for her "steely determination" as U.N. ambassador and said that, as a Czech immigrant who came to this country as a young girl and rose to its highest diplomatic post, Albright embodies the best of America. Albright's hawkish positions on Bosnia and NATO expansion and her blunt, plain-spoken style are popular among some Republicans. Cohen, 46, is a moderate, independent Republican from Maine who served three terms in the Senate. He cast one of the first impeachment votes against Nixon while on the House Judiciary Committee and investigated the Iran-Contra affair. (CNN)

Soldiers implicated in Army harassment scandal to be arraigned

ABERDEEN, Md. - Three U.S. Army trainers charged in a rape and sexual harassment scandal at the army's Aberdeen Proving Ground are to be arraigned here Friday, military authorities announced. The three men — two drill instructors and a company commander —have been charged in connection with allegations of coerced sex and harassment involving at least 17 women at the Army Ordnance and Doctrine Command's training facility. An additional 15 people have been suspended from their duties at the Aberdeen base pending results of the continuing probe. Two others were fined in connection with the probe, with the punishments included in their military records. The accused will be arraigned before a military judge. After listening to the pleas of the accused, the judge will set a date for the trial. The accusations have sparked widening investigations into harassment in the military, and an order by outgoing Defense Secretary William Perry to drive home a message of "zero tolerance" for sexual harassment in the armed services. Possible sentences for a rape conviction range from a letter of reprimand to life in prison, at the discretion of the military court. (AP)

Less teens dying in car crashes

ATLANTA - Fatal car crashes involving teen drivers dropped 24 percent in the past eight years, and the government gives some of the credit to laws that limit their driving privileges while they gain experience behind the wheel. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said Thursday that crashes are still the top killer of youths between 15 and 20 and urged parents to be the road police in states where the laws aren't in place. The CDC said teen drivers were involved in 7,993 fatal crashes in 1995, down 24 percent from 10,415 in 1988. (AP)

Debate covers campus issues

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in his home community and has been the owner/operator of a used car dealership. A key goal he mentioned was getting the administration to support SA plans.

The debate topics ranged from the aftermath of the Res-Life decision to the role of Student Assembly and Bon Appetit. The candidates discussed the need for new, larger social spaces and the need for campus unity.

"The campus has become more exclusive because of invites [to parties thrown by private societies]," said Greenspan. "We must continue to push for larger social spaces to stop the exclusiveness of parties, and continue to remind the administration that they did make promises before [regarding post-Res-Life Hamilton] that need to be dealt with before moving on." Greenspan referred to ideas proposed in the Res-Life plan to facilitate life for societies after their houses were closed.

Oh clarified the vision he and Greenspan have for social spaces. He said that a new larger social space could be used not only by societies, but by the entire campus. The space could also be used for concerts and multicultural events, he stated.

"Fraternities and sororities should be supported in their efforts to provide entertainment for the College," McGovern said. "Right now, they are hindered by the cost of clean-up. The school should provide incentives for societies to have functions in social spaces that are open-invite." He also suggested that the school could offer incentives to societies who would host open invite functions such as preference in the reservation of social spaces.

Student Assembly has come under criticism from the student body in recent years because some think that SA only "amends the [student] constitution and allocates funds," as one caller stated. The candidates addressed the issue of making SA a more visible force on campus.

"I want to make sure that opportunities are available for students to attend meetings [which are always open to the student body] and to encourage people to attend through ads in *The Daily Bull* and *The Spectator*," McGovern commented. In addition, McGovern wants to make it easier for students to make suggestions to SA and to increase student participation in SA elections.

SUE GREENSPAN/YUNGJIN OH

TOM McGOVERN

PHOTOS BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Greenspan said, "The first thing Yungjin and I will do if we are elected is to introduce who we are on Student Assembly, what we do, and to tell people how to get involved. We want to hear what it is that students want." She wants to have a SA suggestion box in Beinecke, put flyers on dining hall tables, and produce a monthly newsletter describing SA activities and listing future meeting agendas so students can come to meetings where issues pertinent to themselves are being discussed.

A main role of SA is to allocate funds to campus organizations, including multicultural groups; both candidates addressed this issue. "Student Assembly should always be objective in its funding," Greenspan stated. "There is no way to give all groups the same amount of money, since groups have different needs and put on different activities. We shouldn't discourage groups with activities that won't attract a large attendance."

"I think that it is very important that Student Assembly lets out its support fairly among organizations if they are well-run," said McGovern. "Student Assembly should be a leader in encouraging quality and cooperation among all groups. [Student Assembly] also has a role in terms of the breadth of life on campus to make sure that there is a variety in terms of groups represented."

Another issue within SA has been the student activities fee, a $50 charge to students that goes directly to the general account of SA for the purpose of activity planning and development. Greenspan said that students should pay for the activities they enjoy, and emphasized that the money is also used for funding campus organizations. McGovern, citing the cost of tuition, books, and other expenses, said that the fee is not justified, although it is a positive idea in purpose.

Another issue, which Fassett said has probably been an issue since Hamilton was founded, is the food service. McGovern stated that the meal plan should be based on a cash system, using a debit card so students could use their money however they choose. "You shouldn't be penalized for having a meal on your card that you will never use," he said.

Greenspan explained that a debit card would result in higher overall costs per student for food service. She said that the Student Assembly has made suggestions regarding food service, and that some changes have been implemented as a result. Greenspan urged students to give their ideas regarding food service to SA to build a group effort to change the food system.

For change to be made on campus, students need to motivate, and the candidates divulged their ideas for getting students involved. "When people have a hand in doing something, they are less apathetic," Greenspan said. She suggested that an additional five to ten class representatives be added to class governments. These individuals would be a part of SA on a more informal basis, she said, but they would increase the number of individuals linking SA to the student body. She also plans to encourage students to join one or more of the SA committees that are open to non-SA members.

"We need to assure the students that the Student Assembly is behind them, and is not an arm of the administration," said McGovern. We should show them the the Student Assembly is working for them." According to McGovern, SA should pay attention to the concerns of the students, despite the apathy and complaints often encountered. He pointed out that he and Greenspan were the only two people on campus who anwered the call to run for SA president.

Elections will be held Tuesday. Voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Beinecke.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY PLATFORMS

PRESIDENT/VICE-PRESIDENT

SUE GREENSPAN '99
YUNGJIN OH '98

Through our years on the Hill, we have witnessed many changes that have affected all of us. Unfortunately, these changes have led to many complaints. As a result, we have developed several solutions to address the major issues around our campus. Due to the growing concern surrounding the limited social options, we feel the need of another large social space for all groups on campus to utilize. In addition, increased lighting and patrolling has proved its importance on campus. We won't attempt to sell ourselves by making farfetched promises. It takes your opinions to create successful change. Thank you.

TOM McGOVERN '00
TIM PALMER '00

I desire to represent the student body as President of Student Assembly because I feel that I have the experience to implement important changes at Hamilton. As the founder of a local political action group, I feel I have the initiative to create the improvements that I desire. Also, as the former owner and operator of a used car dealership, I possess the requisite persuasive skills as well as the financial acumen that will be required in effecting my plans. I believe students have a right to certain services, and if elected I will fight hard to provide or improve....

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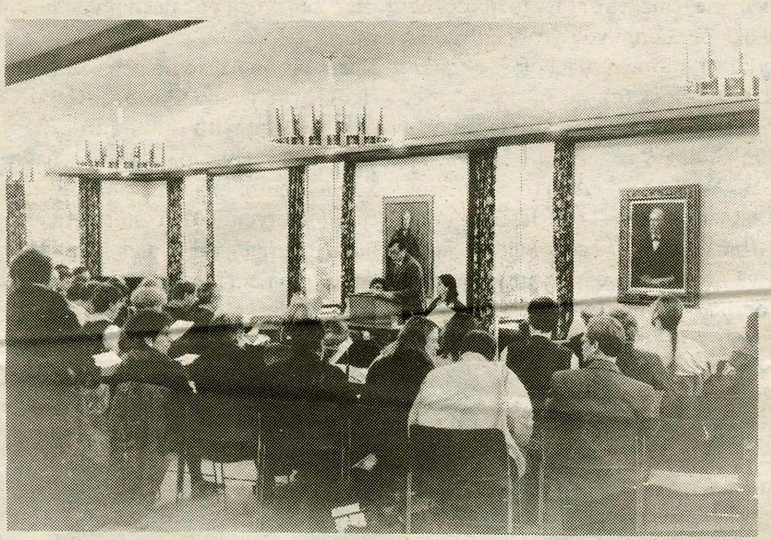

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The faculty met Tuesday in Dwight Lounge.

By David H. Townsend '97
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In a letter to the Academic Council, four faculty members asked the Council to "initiate and oversee a review of the educational programming and judicial procedures used at Hamilton in regard to harassment and sexual assault." The letter initiated a discussion about what was termed in the letter, a "climate of intimidation" on campus at the faculty meeting this past Tuesday.

Several members of the faculty spoke on the issue and expressed concern that over the problem of sexual harassment and assault, and the system in place at Hamilton to which victims can look for help. One faculty member said, "There is something about the culture at Hamilton College...that makes it difficult for victims to come forward." Another estimated, through discussions with students, that one rape occurs each weekend, and said, "I am particularly disturbed with the impunity with which men rape at Hamilton, it is a huge educational issue we must deal with."

While the issue is not something that can be resolved at a faculty meeting, Nancy Thompson spoke about the existing system in place to deal with sexual violence. In response to concerns that there is a reluctance on the College's behalf to punish the perpetrators of sexual violence, Thompson said, "There is not fear to take action against these people, the problem is getting people to come forward." She emphasized the importance of the systems in changing this.

There are currently three boards which students can go to with complaints. "We are thinking of collapsing these to two or even one. It may be a bit confusing for victims."

Thompson expressed her envy of the faculty because they have captive student audiences in classes everyday, and the opportunity to address these types of issues with them. "The classroom is a powerful place to discuss the climate at Hamilton."

There was general agreement among the faculty that sexual assault and harassment harm not only the victims, but the community as a whole. The discussion hit on many points but came to no concrete resolution.

Continuing a discussion from earlier meetings, the faculty also talked about the possibility of taking Labor Day and Martin Luther King Day as College holidays. The calendar became an issue when a petition to take these days off was signed by several faculty and distributed at the last faculty meeting. Since then, the Academic Council compiled a set of options to present to the faculty in hopes of getting feedback from them regarding their preferences on this issue. Many faculty felt holding the first day of Fall and Spring semester classes on these days was difficult due to the lack of support staff.

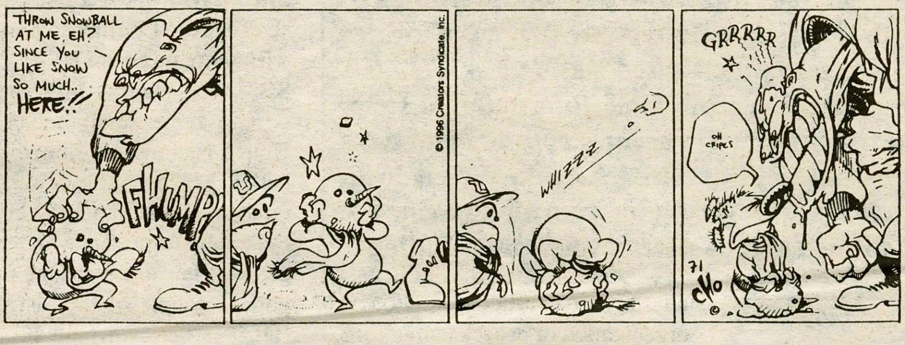
It was addressed not as an ideological question, but more as a question of logistics and in the broader context of the academic calendar. One idea was to take Martin Luther King Day off, begin the spring semester a week later, and cut spring break to one week. Currently, Hamilton has a two week break in March.

While many students and faculty cherish the two week respite from Hamilton, most schools take only one week. As a relatively new faculty member, Assistant Professor of English, Catherine Kodat, pointed out that one of the things that most struck her about Hamilton was how unusual it was to hold classes on major holidays like Martin Luther King day, while having a two week spring break. Again, the faculty came to no clear resolution to the issue.

The faculty is also in the middle of a comprehensive curriculum review. This review has been organized into several subcommittees that discuss the curriculum from different angles. At this meeting, the Framing Experiences Subcommittee, solicited the entire faculty for their ideas regarding a course based first year program. The committee cited improving the intellectual discourse, and changing the academic atmosphere on campus as reasons for creating courses specifically for first years.

In remarks to the faculty, Tobin urged the faculty not to be constrained by perceived financial constraints. He told the faculty to engage in as open a discussion about the curriculum in the process of curricular review. "Don't preclude or foreclose options that you find attractive because you believe them to be financially impossible." said Tobin.

UNIVERSITY^2 by Frank Cho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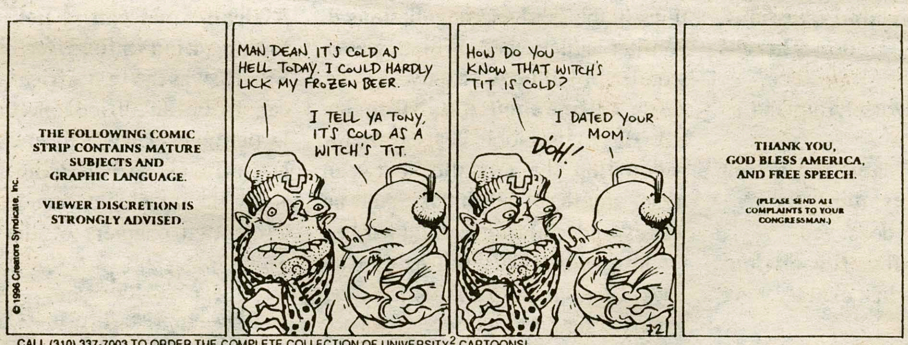
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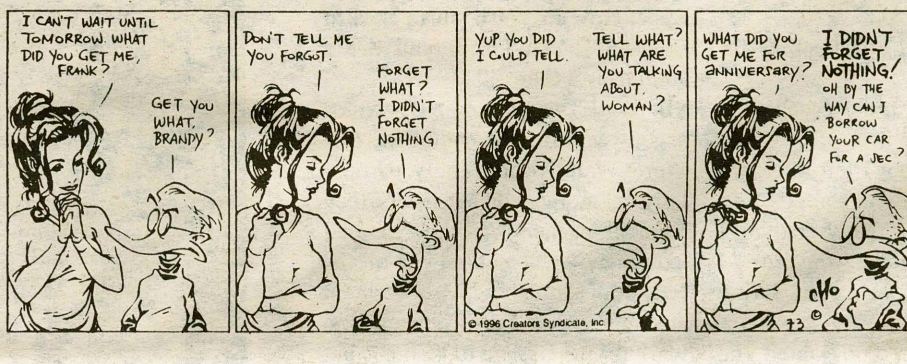
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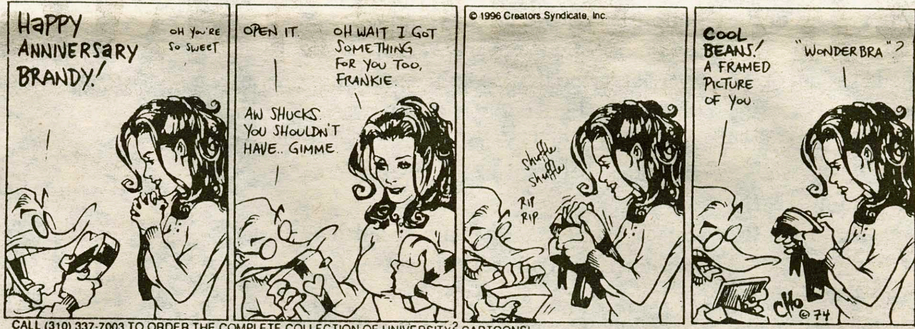
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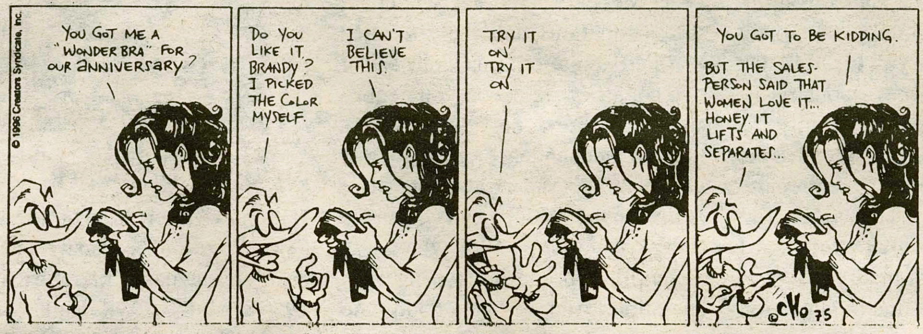
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Sir Brian Urquhart reveals his flavors in 31 answers to the *Spec*

The Spectator sat down this week with Sir Brian Urquhart, the Sol Linowitz Professor of International Relations for the current semester. Sir Brian is a former high ranking official in the United Nations, as well as a prolific author. He is teaching one International Relations course during the current semester, and commutes between Manhattan and Clinton each week. We sat down with Sir Brian to discuss everything from his amazing life to his feeling on the current state of the United Nations.

By Matt Kane '99
COPY EDITOR

Sir Brian Urquhart

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Spec: Well, I guess we will start with some background questions. What I have written down here is "place of birth?"

SB: I was born in Dorset, England, so England then.

Spec: The "Sir" and the accent sort of give it away, don't they?

SB: Yes I think it does, yes.

Spec: And I guess the obvious question then is when exactly were you knighted?

SB: When I left the UN, after I left the United Nations, I was knighted for services with the UN by Queen Elizabeth.

Spec: What sort of schooling did you complete?

SB: I went to Westminster school in London, and then I went to Christ Church Oxford, but I left after two years because the War started. So I was only there for two years, and I left in 1939 to join the Army. And I was in the Army for six years during the War.

Spec: And then you joined the workforce after you got out of the Army?

SB: Well then, when I got out of the Army, I joined the UN. I was the second person recruited by the United Nations in London in 1945.

Spec: I was told you were the second person ever hired by the UN. Who was the first?

SB: A man called David Owen, who is dead now. He was the person who was in charge of the United Nations development program.

Spec: What were you hired to do?

SB: I was hired as the personal assistant to the, well he was really the Secretary General, he was called the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission. He was an Englishman called Lord Devon, and I was his personal secretary. He was the person who set the organization up.

Spec: I had planned to ask you what your first job was, but I guess that's really it.

SB: Yes, well, that was my first civilian job. My first job was being in the British Army for six years.

Spec: That's quite a first job.

SB: Yes, more than enough.

> **" Well, I'm very old by now, and I do a little teaching, a little lecturing, and if I find something that interests me, I write a book about it. And I have a good time basically. It's not so bad. "**
> **-- Sir Brian Urquhart**

Spec: Beyond that, what exactly was your involvement in the UN? You held other positions obviously.

SB: Right, well I was the personal secretary to the first Secretary General called Trygue Lie, who was a Norwegian. And then I worked for the American Undersecretary who was called Ralph Bunche, who was a famous African-American. We did all sorts of conflict resolution and organization of peacekeeping forces and that sort of thing, so it was sort of active political office doing operations in the field and negotiations in conflict situations. Which was a wonderful job I have to say.

Spec: Tell me about Ralph Bunche.

SB: He got the Noble Peace prize for negotiating the armistice between Israel and the Arab States. And he was a wonderful man really. I worked for him from 1952 until he died in 1971. And then I took his job over when he died.

Spec: What was your title then?

SB: Undersecretary General for Special Political Affairs.

Spec: How did you come to work at the UN? You know, you are a soldier and then...?

SB: Well, I was born in 1919, which was a year after the end of the first World War. And my family, particularly my mother and her sisters, they were all teachers, and they were all extremely great supporters of the League of Nations, which never went anywhere. And I always wanted to work for the League of Nations, but unfortunately by the time I got around to being old enough we were in the war again. So the one thing I wanted to do after I got out of the army was to work for the UN, and I was lucky enough to get in on the top level so to speak.

Spec: What exactly is the breadth of the Special Political Affairs Committee?

SB: Well what we did, we ran all the peacekeeping operations. We did all the negotiations and the so called conflict resolution, that is to say if two countries are at war you negotiate a cease fire or negotiating things like the independence of Libya, this kind of thing. And we also spent a lot of time in the field, I mean we ran the Congo operation in 1960 which was a complicated and quite dangerous operation. And we had a good time mind you. It was great fun.

Spec: I know you commute to Manhattan in between your classes. Are you still involved in the UN in anyway?

SB: No, no. I retired in 1986, at the age of 67 or so, which was way over the retirement age anyways. Then I worked at the Ford foundation for ten years. I was the so-called Scholar-In-Residence, which meant that I could do exactly what I liked, it was wonderful. And now I don't do anything, except for teaching at Hamilton every now and then. Which is wonderful too.

Spec: My next question was actually what do you do outside of Hamilton.

SB: Well I teach and lecture quite a bit, and I write books for fun.

Spec: Well I see a book on your shelf called "Life in Peace and War" with your name on it.

SB: Well that's a little one. I've written three small books on the United Nations and how to make it better. My last big book was a biography of Ralph Bunche, who society has totally forgotten, which is outrageous. He was one of the most important people of the last century. But it is his own fault because he didn't like taking credit for anything.

Spec: I imagine he was the first African-American to hold such a high position in the UN?

SB: He was the first African-American to be an official in the State Department. He was the most senior UN official, he was quite remarkable. He invented peacekeeping, he wrote two chapters of the United Nations Charter, he won the Noble Peace Prize and he also wrote a great deal of the basic literature in the 1930's of the Civil Rights movement. He was a remarkable, absolutely extraordinary man.

Spec: And he never really made it into the history books.

SB: Well he didn't want to. He never wanted to take credit for anything, and absolutely refused to write a single word about himself. So I hope I have filled that gap a bit, although a bit late; he died in 1971. But I think he'll come back.

Spec: What about you, do you have any plans for an autobiography?

SB: Well yes, that's it. The "Life and Peace and War" is it.

Spec: What was it like writing your own autobiography?

SB: Great fun. Yeah, it's great fun provided you don't try to make it too detailed and don't try to bore people with huge lists of names and thing like that. It's very good for one because it makes one try to figure out what on Earth you've been doing with your life. And it comes as quite a nasty shock to.

Spec: What brought you to Hamilton College?

SB: Well I was asked to be the Sol Linowitz Professor of International Affairs, and I was delighted because I've always known about Hamilton for many many years.

Spec: And what is the name of the course you teach?

SB: Well the name of the course is: World Community, Fact or Fiction? Which is really an effort to think about where we've gone in the world of international relations.

Spec: Do you have plans to stay after this semester?

SB: Not for the moment, no. I'll come back whenever asked. I mean, I love it here. It's a great place really, and I think the students are wonderful

Spec: So you are pleased with the student body then?

SB: Very much so, well the ones I deal with, I mean they're very interesting, lively, and really very intelligent. It's really very encouraging.

Spec: To move on to my last bit of questioning. What do you think about the current United Nations?

SB: Well I think it's a mess. Now that's nothing new, that's happened before. I think they have to get through this ridiculous business about the secretary general, which is occupying everybody's energy and attention, and they have to get finished with that business hurriedly; it has become ridiculous. But then I think that really the governments have to decide what they want their organization to be. I mean it's no good bleeding away about reform if you don't know what reform is! And they are, the governments, the only people who can do it. You know the UN is an absolutely necessary organization. It's like an insurance policy or a fire brigade. You don't need it all the time, but when you need it you need it badly.

Spec: Is there some area in particular you would like to see the UN get involved with in the future?

SB: Well I'd like to see the UN have a much more efficient capacity for early intervention in emergencies, humanitarian crisis, and genocide. At the moment it takes months to get there. It doesn't have any infrastructure; it has to borrow soldiers, and officers, and equipment. It takes too long. I'd like to see that be taken care of. I'd like to see the UIN be much better understood by the public, and be more able to reach out more to the public, so that they have some idea that this is not just some organization of diplomats, but is something that matters to them. I think the UN has been very bad about doing that.

Spec: I guess on the other hand, is there something that it needs to shift its policy away from, something it is doing now that isn't necessary?

SB: Well, I think like all bureaucracies it could do with a good cleaning out every now and then. They're actually doing that now. I think they've got to get much much clearer about where the UN can intervene and when it can't. I think they've got to be much clearer about its economic role, which is very unclear at the moment. I think much more attention should be paid to the international law side, and that part of it. And that's enough to be going on with really.

Spec: Does the United States, as a superpower, have a responsibility to take part in United Nations peacekeeping activities?

SB: I think it's extremely important to have American support. We never used United States troops in peacekeeping operations until well after the Cold War. Certainly when you have something like Desert Storm, the United States is the only country in the world which has the strategic and military capacity to do that, and they should be under American command, that's fine. But I think peacekeeping operations are on a much smaller scale, and for the most part don't use force, so I think we have to preserve the nature of those missions. But any country is perfectly free to to participate.

Spec: Just as a final question to wrap up, what do you plan on doing after this semester?

SB: Well, I'm very old by now, and I do a little teaching, a little lecturing, and if I find something that interests me I write a book about it. And I have a good time basically. It's not so bad.

Spec: You certainly do a lot of traveling.

SB: Yeah, much to much. I have to stop doing that, I should like to stop travelling. But you know, it's a fascinating world and you know, it's interesting to see what happens, but at the age of 77, I shouldn't always be peering into other people's business, I should sit back and be a spectator a bit.

Spec: I think that's a great note to end on since you managed to work the name of our paper into your response. Thank you very much for your time.

Polonaise - Dariusz delights with delectable dinners

By Becca Savage '99
and Fiona Thomas '99
FEATURES WRITERS

PHOTO BY SHANNON OSBORNE '99

As their menu procliams, "Polonaise host Dariusz and chef Susan make everything from salad dressings through desserts."

This week we sampled some European fare with a traditional Polish flavor at the **Polonaise** in Utica. Our meals were not only delicious, but the service and atmosphere, thanks to the extremely comical host, Dariusz, also made for a great dining experience. As always, Dariusz was friendly and amusing, reminding us why we wanted to come back again and see him.

The Polonaise, with its simple yet clean and tasteful decor, is about a ten minute drive from school. Upon entrance notice the certificate that the Polonaise won in 1994 for their excellent ethnic cuisine. I can enthusiastically say that the quality has not changed since. An assortment of painting and pictures adorn the wall, while all the tables and chairs are simple wood and trelisse-like partitions form more intimate dining areas . One important wall piece which Dariusz will be glad to share with you is the photograph of Chopin which has not been moved from its place in fifteen years. The restaurant is also named after one of Chopin's pieces which Dariusz is a fan of. The pleasant classical music which plays in the background could also be a dedication to Dariusz's mentor. The atmosphere is comfortable and quaint but the food is what makes the Polonaise an amazing dining experience.

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Be aware that if you do not like chicken, Polanaise is not the place to go; six of the eight "dinner" choices feature that well-known fowl. Otherwise, the selections are simple and the "extras" make the meal. We ordered the awesome Pierogi's. They have a soft ravioli-like shape and texture with a blend of cheese and potato on the inside, sauteed in butter with onions and sour cream. You get three with your order which is plenty for one person.

Other options include cheese turnovers, spinach turnovers, and Fassoulia, a white kidney bean salad. There is no need to order the salad or potato pancakes because they come with every dinner. Another supplement is Dariusz's endless supply of fresh, warm bread.

Not surprisingly we all ordered chicken dinners. Becca ordered the Chicken Piedmont: a boneless breast of chicken covered with mushrooms, green onions, parsley, and melted mozzarella. As usual she thought it was excellent. Shannon and I ordered the Chicken Polonaise, also a chicken breast with a special Polonaise cream sauce. We both agreed that it was basic but very good. The potato pancakes which came with our meals were great especially when mixed with the cream sauce.

Other dishes include the number one seller Chicken Apricot and Plum Chicken. The only non-chicken dinners are Veal Budapest, which is made up of lean chunks of veal in a white wine sauce with Hungarian spices, and Golabki(stuffed cabbage) which has beef, rice, and seasonings which are wrapped in fresh cabbage. By the way, vegetarians will have to stick to the cabbage or the extras because, as mentioned earlier, non-chicken dishes are few and far between.

Next to Dariusz's company dessert tops the Polonaise menu. They vary from night to night but if you're lucky they will have fresh chocolate cake made by Susan, Dariusz's wife and chef. The chocolate cake is the best so order two pieces and save one for later. Other options include chocolate topped apple or pear cakes. But, if you're really lucky, Susan will give you a bag of "Igor's Cookies" — chocolate chip cookies homemade at the Polonaise.

We give the Polonaise a thumbs up in every category. The food, the atmosphere, and the service, thanks to Dariusz's witty sense of humor, make for a terrific evening and meal.

The menu is very simple without much variation, but if you are looking for a little change from what Hamilton and Clinton have to offer the Polonaise is our number one choice because Dariusz is the man.

The evolution of Hamilton College's course catalogue

By Matt Flynn '00
ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR

I recently came across a Hamilton College catalogue from 1969-70 and, needless to say, my interest was immediately piqued.

After all, 1969-70 was a pivotal year in American sociocultural history: an American walked on the moon, civil rights protests broke out across the country and young Americans everywhere began to challenge the conservative establishment. 1969 is also synonymous with the now-cliched Woodstock rock festival - a three day orgy of music, free love and "chaos" that (as it is so frequently said) "went on to define a generation."

For me, 1969 symbolizes the transition of liberal ideals from the realm of academia into popular culture. The "Radical" philosophies of liberalism, Marxism and environmentalism began to exert themselves on the American consciousness.

People began tearing down the white picket fences of conservatism by choosing to build bridges of tolerance, free-thought and freedom. Furthermore, there existed a sense that anything was possible, and that change for the better was eminent.

So as I flipped through the College catalogue from 1969-70, I thought about this notion of "change." What I notice first of all, is that despite the social upheaval that was occurring throughout the land, Hamilton was still a male dominated, white, conservative college.

Interestingly enough, many would argue that Hamilton today is still a male dominated, white, conservative college. This argument may have some truth to it. However for those of you who are completely sold on this idea, I will ask that you look at Hamilton's recent history in a relative context - that is, compare Hamilton to what it used to be. Indeed, you will find that a lot has changed at Hamilton over the last 25 years. Perhaps nothing illustrates this fact more clearly than the many changes that have occurred in the Hamilton curriculum.

In 1969, Hamilton offered far fewer courses than it does today. This is not surprising given the fact that women were not allowed to attend Hamilton until 1978 (in 1969 some courses from Kirkland College were offered to Hamilton students in subjects not offered explicitly at Hamilton, namely dance, drama and literature).

What is interesting is that many of the courses that were offered, reflected a white, male and conservative bias. Less than 5% of the courses offered in the 1969 curriculum would fulfill current diversity requirements. With the exception of maths and sciences, history is the only subject that faintly resembles its present counterpart. But even the history curriculum reflects a predominantly western and conservative bias.

The subject that appears to have experienced the most growth since '69-70 is comparative literature. In 1969, the comparative literature faculty consisted of one professor, Mr. Colby, and one course entitled "European Humanism." The course was "a study of the development of humanistic thought from early modern times to present, based on great works of European works read in translation." The course was opened to juniors and seniors who had completed at least two semesters of English.

In stark contrast, the comparative literature department in '96-97 offers 46 courses, ranging from such broad topics as "Literature and Ethics" and "Twentieth Century Fiction," to more specific topics like "Introduction to African American Literature" and "Dante." Furthermore, comparative literature courses in "Opera" and "Comic Fiction" subtly emphasize just how much things have changed.

Less subtle, is the glaring absence of current "staple" subjects such as sociology, geoarcheolgy, public policy, computer sciences (for obvious reasons) and east Asian languages. Either these disciplines were not in demand, considered too "farfetched," or simply just not invented. In any case, these types of subjects were not considered part of a standard college education at Hamilton in 1969.

But the most interesting development in the Hamilton curriculum over the past 25 years has been the emergence of courses that would have been inconceivable in 1969. The best examples of these types of courses are Africanna studies and women's studies. These courses, which are now considered a standard part of the contemporary curriculum, would have been laughed at by the academic community of 1969. They represent the coming of age of the "Woodstock" generation.

These types of courses, in my opinion, show us just how far we have come.

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EDITORIAL

Recognizing the visionary

It has been said of Hamilton that it is going through a time of change. As seniors will tell you, this atmosphere of change seems to be lingering. For change to happen here, it takes someone with a vision and the ability to identify the goals it takes to get to there. For Hamilton, that vision has been provided by President Tobin.

In transforming Hamilton, the Residential Life Decision was the bombshell. The effects were felt immediatly, and permanently. The shock waves are still transforming the social Hamilton in some remarkable and strange ways.

Beyond social life, Tobin is guiding the faculty in a remarkably comprehensive curriculum review that could radically change what it means to be a student at Hamilton. There is also a facilities audit going on to assess the existing physical structures, and determine what educational facilities Hamilton will need going into the next century. This audit could forever change the face of Hamilton. Both these processes are imagining what could be and finding concrete ways to accomplish it.

For an institution, change must be sought out. It is never a good idea to stand still for too long. Change is healthy and inevitable. For an institution like Hamilton, it is easy to become stagnant, caught up in day to day operation, tasks that are laboriously routine, and the long, dark winter. Tobin has taken initiative and used his position to shift expectations for what is ahead. There is a feeling of optimism here on the Hill.

His vision might be fundamentally different from some, and it may not be radical enough for others, but it should never be called inadequate. Every decision made at Hamilton seems to have an idea behind it, a careful calculation that surfaces again and again.

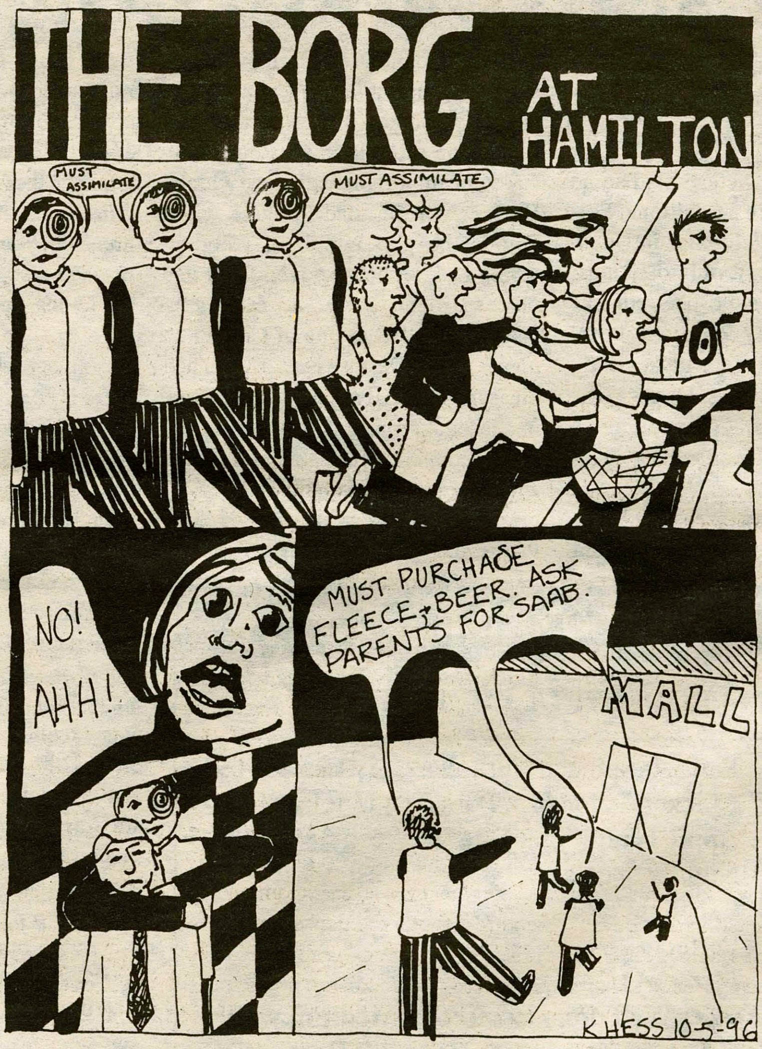
Tobin has guided Hamilton through difficult times, and he seems prepared to continue nurture change. This is exactly what the College needs if it is to continue to be a successful institution.

Finally, a reaction

This weekend a non-profit organization will open its doors to the Hamilton community. The Better Education Today Association's grand opening on Saturday shows an innovative and interesting initiative by Hamilton students.

At a time when the guidelines for social and cultural life at Hamilton are dictated by the College, it is refreshing to see students make something like this happen without the assistance from the College. There is still some spirit out there, and it is nice to see it developed into what looks like a beneficial project.

Instead of continuing to bicker, or trying to play armchair-President, the individuals who have brought us BETA have taken a step towards the future instead of lingering in the "good old days" of Hamilton College.



LETTERS TO • THE • EDITOR

To the Editor,

As a member of the Community Relations Board I would like to announce a panel discussion/speak-out to be held in the Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Village on Monday December 9, 1996 at 8p.m. This event is titled "Hamilton's Culture of Silence, Myth or Reality?" This will be an open forum to discuss the issue of harassment on this campus. All members of the Hamilton community are encouraged to attend.

I would specifically like to extend this invitation to the members of Hamilton's Greek community. It has been brought to my attention that the fraternity population in general believes that this forum is being offered for the sole purpose of blaming fraternities for cases of harassment on campus. As an individual trying to combat that stereotype, as well as erase harassment on this campus, I believe that no message would prove stronger than having a large representation of fraternity members at this event. I believe that this is the perfect opportunity for the brothers of private societies to publicly denounce all forms of harassment, including sexual harassment, and make their voices heard. Stop allowing yourselves to be categorized as the evil-doers on this campus. Please come to the speak-out and have your voices heard.

Stacey Joyce Kutish '98

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LETTERS TO•THE•EDITOR

Student in China responds to Mintz

Dear Editor,

Today is Saturday and I've finally found a few minutes to sit down and write. Things are busy here in Beijing. About a week and a half ago, I received my first batch of *Spectator*s in the mail. I've been here for close to six months, and I've discovered that, yes, it's definitely possible to get excited about back issues of the *Spec.* Lots of exciting news—big trees, boulders and bad food, but I'm not writing in response to any of those things. I'm writing in response to Ben Mintz's article in the September 27 issue.

I was excited to read it. The headline lead me to believe that it was about China. Because China is where I've been living since the end of June, I dove right into the article, ignoring all of the misspellings, poor grammar, and misuse of diction.

When I finished, all I could think of was my childhood. When I was a kid, if I didn't know how to spell a word or wasn't sure what the word meant, I'd ask my mom—she's got a *Webster's Unabridged* on storage in her head. Her response, however, was not to rattle off a definition or spelling for me, but rather to point to the kitchen cabinet by the phone, where we kept our dictionary, and say, "Look it up." So I did. I still can't spell, but I got my own *Webster's Unabridged* Christmas 1995, so I don't usually have a problem.

As I got older, I stumbled across concepts i didn't know or understand, and I went to my dad. My dad is the "concept man." Unfortunately, he didn't like to talk about those concepts if it meant giving me the easy answer. My questions were more often answered with, "What do you think we bought the *Worldbooks* for?" than a straight answer.

At Hamilton I sometimes "forget" to do the reading for class, and ask a professor a question that can be answered by reading the first page of a text—old habits die hard. In response I usually get a sigh and the "Miss Kogut, if you didn't do the reading, why show up?" look.

Ben, my question to you is why you didn't just look up The Cultural Revolution. If you didn't understand it, why didn't you just go to someone for help? I guess my reaction has a lot to do with the fact that I live in China. Do you realize that people here don't want to hear the words "The Cultural Revolution?" It's a part of their history the Chinese would like to forget. Many are ashamed, but most relive the sadness and horror of losing loved ones and friends every time the phrase is uttered.

I don't think it was the author's purpose to trivialize The Cultural Revolution, but rather to demonstrate his wit by creating a satire of sorts. The best satires I've read are those in which the author has a firm grasp on the aspects of society he/she wishes to highlight, and also on the subject matter he/she wishes to compare and contrast those societal aspects with. The author's firm grasp on societal problems and subject matter, (sic) allows he/she to develop his/her wit to the fullest extent, hence, (sic) creating a great satire. It's hard to do this, (sic) when the author is only well versed in one aspect—societal problems. It's very hard to appear funny, as opposed to whiny, when you don't really know what you're talking about. Ben, I got your message loud and clear: the paths and boulders are ridiculous, students are losing individual freedom, and the food, for lack of a better word, sucks.

During the time of The Cultural Revolution cars were, and still are in China, a luxury. The Chinese aren't exactly furnishing their kids with Cherokees every year. As far as individual freedom goes, I'm not going to say that I love the Res-Life decision, but having to live on campus, and being forced to leave your parents, spouse and children, to work and live in the countryside for ten to 20 years is a different matter completely (sic).

Hamilton provides you with the most important freedom imaginable, intellectual freedom. I've spoken with teachers here about The Cultural Revolution. One told me that because her mother's parents were intellectuals, her mother was denied the *privilege* of attending school. Her father's land was taken away and not only was he left with nothing, but he was also scorned by society. The result of our conversation was an understanding of The Cultural Revolution's effect on the Chinese in the past and the present—my teacher believes that the average Chinese is afraid to criticize the government. You, obviously, are not.

Food, Oliver Twist, and The Cultural Revolution? Everyday on the streets I pass starving children and parents. Do you remember when poor Oliver asked for more food? They were outraged! Correct me if I'm wrong, but aren't the dining halls are still all you can eat (sic), except, of course, for the three chicken finger limit (which, by the way, is preposterous!). You can go up as many times as you want!

In short, you wanted a response, and you got one. I think that your article was poorly written, historically incorrect (you placed events such as the Hundred Flowers Movement during The Revolution, and not before), and only reiterated the same three issues that you complain about every week. Your attempt to be the next Voltaire, Jane Austin, or Kurt Vonnegut was a complete failure, and instead you appeared to be more of a Mr. Collins or Kilgore Trout.

I will say in your defense, (sic) that your editor should have checked your article for accuracy and the aforementioned grammar problems. I'm also shocked that I didn't see a single letter of response from any member of the Asian Studies faculty, (sic) in subsequent issues.

I thought education was the point of all this craziness (sic)! Being abroad has made me realize the luxuries that I have at home, in America, at Hamilton. Good food, adequate shelter, and transportation all are important things, but Commons, Res-Life, and a "walking campus" are merely pot holes in the road—keep driving, and please, try not to get stuck in the little ones!

Amanda Kogut '98

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A night of competition on ice, table and North Court

OWEN GRANT

INHALE TO THE CHIEF

I thought that this year's Citrus Bowl would prove that all of the traditions, spirit and comraderie that were so prevalent not so long ago were lost forever. As I entered the Sage Rink on Tuesday night, one of the lucky puck fans who were not turned away at the door, I thought that my worst fear had been confirmed. I along with any other student who attended the game, was thoroughly frisked at the entrance to the rink. Unfortunately for the Rooney Security Force, and thankfully for the students, there are several entrances to the rink.

Able to smuggle fruit into the rink, I wondered if I would be one of a handful who carried out one of the only remaining traditions at Hamilton. Suddenly, with 16:31 remaining in the first period, Dave Webb's wrist shot darted beyond the outstretched glove of Oswego's goaltender putting the Conts on the board. The result was spontaneous orange projection at the dumbfounded Oswego goaltender. Students bombarded the goaltender with thousands of fruits as Big Dawg appropriately played Gliter's Rock N' Soul Part II. The spirit of the game, and the College was very much alive.

There are three possible ways that fruit surfaced in the rink: It grew under the fertile seats of the arena; the scuffing of students was a fruitless effort; or the students found unguarded entrances to the arena. The first possibility can be rejected because obviously the moist, cold air in the rink makes growing fruit impossible. The second scenario is a possibility, but so much fruit was confiscated at the door that there must have been another port by which fruit was carried into the rink.

Several fruit wielding students entered the arena through the JM Mahagony doors along the periphery of the athletic center. Other more enthusiastic Continental supporters entered the rink through the Zamboni garage. These diehards demonstrated their passion for Continental Hockey thrusting into the arena in time for the first score, Webb's goal, and Brian Guastella's go ahead goal midway through the second period.

Unfortunately, many spectators left the game at the culmination of the first period. At first, this was somewhat disconcerting because the score was tied 1-1, and the game was becoming increasingly physical. While it is nice to continue a long-standing tradition, the game is an opportunity to support the team and the College.

At the end of the second period I was one of the three students randomly selected to try to win a free pizza shooting a puck in the net. The target, however, was obstructed by a Roma's Pizza board that had three puck-size holes on its bottom side. Unfortunately, my second shot went through the opening, careened off the back of the net through the opening in the board and I did not win a pizza.

However there was another contest going on in the Margaret Bundy Scott Fieldhouse where the Hamilton hoopsters were battling a scrappy Utica-Rome squad. After missing my shot for a free pizza, I walked over to support the basketball team. Two more Hamilton traditions were in full effect. The tradition of winning basketball at Hamilton, and the Dawg Pound.

Though the pound tragically lost one of its most vocal hecklers in Anthony Schena, who is away this semester rearing his newborn daughter, they haven't missed a beat. Hamilton, with the support of the crowd, and the Pound, had secured a 45-19 halftime lead.

Minutes into the second half, Kevin Thorpe and Mike Schanz gave a lesson in finishing the break. Thorpe streaked down the floor, weaving in and out of helpless defenders and threw an around the back, look-away pass to Schanz, who promptly tomahawked the ball through the rim. The Garden erupted. Hamilton prevailed for an easy victory.

I returned to the hockey game for the third period. Much to my chagrin, the sage arena which only an hour earlier was full to capacity, was now only a quarter full. The score was tied again 2-2. The Conts rallied late in the third and with three minutes left, Guastella scored what proved to be the game winner. A great victory, but where were all the fans, I wondered.

After maneuvering around the remains of a Milwaukee's Best shotgun, I proceeded on towards North Court. A game night celebration was still in its prime and I realized that despite the recent changes Hamilton knows what really counts.

To avenge my blanks in the rink, I decided to go the Little Pub, to take on any would be challengers at a game of billiards. I was one of a few people to score victory that night at the pub. Perhaps all the competition that night got the best of me. But, there is nothing wrong with supporting your school and demonstrating school spirit. Tuesday night proved to me that the spirit of yesteryear is still alive. Let's go Conts!

Correction

In the November 22 issue of *The Spectator,* a quotation from W.H. Auden was highlighted in Katheryn Doran's *Laughs of Socrates* column. This highlighted quotation was actually her e-mail signature and was not intended to be part of the column.

A look at Mediteraenean culture

CONSTANTINE KARAMANLIS
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Two years ago in Athens, a court case was held in which the defendant was charged with manslaughter. The facts were as follows: the defendant was driving while drunk and collided with another car, the driver of which, a young girl, was killed. On the day of the trial, the father of the girl appeared in court, disarmed the guards of the court and tied up the defendant, whom he then fatally shot. This incident was given great publicity since it was such a shocking case, but even more shocking for me was the public's reaction which largely endorsed the actions of the court room killer.

I spent a long time thinking about the significance of the case. I had always perceived myself as a citizen of a society with well established democratic institutions and assumed that respect for the law and legal institutions was something that could be taken for granted. But as I listened to the reactions of the public and discussed the case with my family and friends, I realized that this particular case illustrated a very important issue for Greek society. Despite our laws and our court system, there is still a widespread belief that when it comes to dealing with matters that are intensely personal, the best solution is also a personal one. That is to say there is a feeling that the individual has a right to respond to a crisis as he or she sees fit, irrespective of the law of the land.

This social attitude legitimizes taking the law into your own hands and setting yourself up as a god. Behaving in this way is seen as being heroic and noble — an uncompromising expression of the integrity of the individual's personality. Perhaps it might be seen as a Mediterranean expression of what Polonius said in *Hamlet*: "To thine own self be true." The same idea was expressed by the lawyer of the court room killer when he said in defense of his client, "He was himself purely—he did not settle for half." Even more, the every day life of a Mediterranean citizen (Italian, Greek or Spanish) depicts a particular social attitude. For example, in Greece and in Italy, driving is one of the most obvious cases where Greeks and Italians show their spontaneous, individualistic attitude.

Compulsory stops and red lights are usually ignored, and accelerating to cut off drivers moving into the same lane is very common. In addition, the roads are often seen as race tracks, and the sound of horns is something that never stops. This attitude demonstrates the conflict between the individual and society. A very well known Greek politician once stated that Greeks are marvelous people with a lot of advantages, because of their pure character, but are also lousy citizens who avoid obeying the laws and regulations that conflict with their own personal interests.

On the other hand, in Northern countries, at least in Europe, obedience of the law is not often requested. The citizens, therefore, are very obedient and consider society much more important than the individual. Both approaches have their advantages and disadvantages. The Mediterranean inhabitants, for instance, might be considered more interesting people with a great sense of humor and animation. They believe that they should not follow all that society dictates, but instead take their own initiative and act spontaneously. This attitude, of course, results in society not functioning perfectly. On the other hand, the Northern European countries do not often act spontaneously, and tend to be distant in their personal lives. They often, one might say, live pretty much miserable lives since they never let themselves act openly as real people. The result of this attitude is that their society functions more efficiently, but not perfectly.

The issue here is that of the age old conflict between the individual and society. In the case I described above, the court room killer gave a total, uncompromising public expression of the way he felt. While, as I said, I found his actions unacceptable and shocking, I have to confess that I feel a kind of respect for his determination to do what he believed was right. It made me clarify my own thoughts about society in the sense that, while I believe that social institutions must be given priority, we must also accept that society is, nevertheless, imperfect.

Individual passion can obviously be a very destructive force, but on the other hand, this is the price we pay for the richness that comes from a society and culture where passion, intense emotions and spontaneity are central values. It is easy to be shocked, but not easy to condemn these sort of actions. In the words of a Greek journalist, writing about the court room killer, " Most of the time now we settle for half, and I like it better. But the truth is holy, and even as I know how wrong he was ... I tremble, for I confess that something perversely pure --not purely good but himself purely --calls to me."

Are seniors too cool?

CHRISTIE REED
WEEKLY REED

There are over four hundred students in the senior class, right? O.K., I was just checking. I was afraid that about 350 of you had dropped out of school. Why, you ask. Well, funny you should ask that, because that is precisely what I am asking you: Why?

Why is it that I walked down to Bundy on Friday, November 22 with the purpose of attending a senior class dinner where only about one eighth of the class showed up? As members of the senior class I am sure we all expect to be entertained for senior week, and like every other senior class before us we will all willingly partake in the festivities under the assumption that we are the "Senior Class." So what makes this recent activity any different than those activities awaiting us as our reward for being members of the Class of 1997? If you do not consider yourself a part of the senior class now, then what suddenly makes you worthy of being a member for that one week?

I asked somebody at this dinner why they believed people did not come. Unfortunately this person confirmed what I did not want to admit; for most of those who did not attend it is solely because they believe themselves to be "too cool." I remember a professor speaking to our class during orientation week 3 1/2 years ago, warning of the "Hamilton Cool" that we would all confront at one time or another.

During my time at Hamilton I have admittedly come into contact with this beast, but I have always wanted to believe that it plagued the minority and not the majority. Now I wonder if it is not a contagious disease afflicting everyone and anyone on campus. Let's just get one thing straight; nobody is too cool, no matter what the situation.

In saying all of this, I am aware that this year, more than any other, is a difficult year to say the least. With so much on our plates it's hard to see straight. The idea that only five months remain of our college career is a thought so overwhelming it is impossible to grasp. I believe that we should all make every effort to enjoy this precious time to the best of our abilities, but don't let this anxious desire to make this the best year of your life cause you to lose sight of what these college years mean.

It has been my experience in the past few months that this pressure of the end has only helped to divide our class whereas I believe it should be the uniting factor. Don't regard the next five months as the beginning of the end, but rather the beginning of the beginning. As much as our remaining time here should be spent fully enjoying our closest friendships, it should also be a time spent appreciating the defining qualities of a college like Hamilton, as well as the many people who make up this community. There are reasons why, three and a half years ago, everyone of you made the decision to attend Hamilton College. Try to remember what those reasons were. No matter what group you belong to, this should be the year, more so than any other, to take a few moments out every so often, to appreciate what it means to be a member of the graduating class of 1997 at Hamilton College.

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TIM-BERRR! Where should our wood come from?

PETER KELLY
REASONABLE RESOLUTIONS

Ask someone on the street for a capsule history of U.S. logging, and you might hear something like this: "For millions of years, our forests were pristine. Since the first European settlers, U.S. forests have been in steady decline. Until recently, we chopped down trees because we didn't know any better, largely to make throwaway paper things. Now, with only a tiny bit of forest remaining, the government has stepped in to save the spotted owl."

Actually, all of the above is either untrue or misleading: Nature routinely destroys forests with fire and ice; there's more forest now than in 1940; and most of the wood from forests does not end up as throwaway paper. Nor is the government a benign protector. Let's take a closer look at the issues facing our forests today.

To begin with, there's the U.S. Forest Service, which is basically a government-subsidized logging business. Though the rules about logging on federal lands are mind-bogglingly complex, the basic idea is simple: The Forest Service sells trees to logging companies and gets to keep most of the money. This timber is usually in remote areas or at high altitudes, where it would be uneconomical to log without federal subsidies (e.g., roads). Taxpayers lose about $250-300 million on these deals every year. It's not that Forest Service bureaucrats are evil or stupid. They're just protecting their agency's budget. Their attempts at internal reforms, which would put more emphasis on conservation, have repeatedly failed. Clearly, Congress must change the incentives, though this will be difficult given the influence of logging companies in Washington.

If the environmental damage of government-subsidized logging were included, the cost would be even greater. Logging, especially clearcutting, destroys forest ecosystems and leaves ugly fields of stumps in their place. The soil is compacted from heavy machinery or eroded into streams. With the trees gone, these silted streams are exposed to more sunlight and become unnaturally warm. Such water conditions have hurt the jobs-intensive salmon fishing industry in the Pacific Northwest.

It's important to keep in mind that forests do grow back after human disturbances, just as they do after ice ages, volcanic eruptions, and fires. Almost all U.S. forests, including the ones bordering our campus, are regrowth. Regrown forests may serve as habitats for more species than ancient forests. However, many species, such as the spotted owl and marbled murrelet, can't do without ancient forests, which have been reduced to a mere 3-5% of their original extent. These ecosystems of humbling giant trees may have functions humans don't yet understand. Destroying them is shortsighted.

The environmental movement needs to talk straight and be more united about forest policy. While some environmentalists are denouncing clearcuts, others are attacking tree plantations, timber imports, and wood substitutes like plastics. Most support paper recycling, but some have tried to stop paper-recycling plants, which release small amounts of chlorine and dioxins, from being built. So where should our wood and paper come from? The way I see it, there are five options: imports, clearcuts, selective logging, tree farms, and recycling. Let's look at each option from an environmental standpoint.

Importing timber may get the problems "out of sight, out of mind," but won't really solve anything. Importing from temperate forests just moves the environmental problems abroad, say to Canada or Russia. Tropical imports are a much worse alternative. Unlike temperate forests, which have adapted to grow back after natural disasters, tropical forests are extremely vulnerable. Their riots of diverse life evolved unbroken over millions of years. A full 95% of the nutrients in a tropical rainforest are in the trees themselves, leaving in the soil only 5% for forest regeneration after clearing. (In temperate forests, the percentages are reversed.) What's more, in tropical nations there are few environmental regulations to prevent the exploitation of forests.

So it's better to get our wood domestically. Currently, however, 60% of domestic wood comes from clearcuts. Old-fashioned clearcutting is notoriously destructive. A generation ago, foresters concerned about the effects of clearcutting recommended cutting in small, 20-acre blocks. The problem was that a checkerboard of cuts encouraged population explosions of edge species like deer at the expense of the original ecosystems. Now, with the advent of the so-called New Forestry, the consensus among foresters is that cutting in large blocks several miles on a side is better. The result may be unsightly, but New Forestry replicates natural damage from fire and requires the construction of fewer miles of logging roads. Done properly, several large blocks are set aside for every one cut. The catch is that the very success of the method could turn into a justification for clearcutting ever larger percentages of forests.

Selective logging is a more established practice, and probably better than New Forestry for the types of forests that don't burn naturally. Selective logging no longer means cutting the best trees; foresters learned long ago that that practice weakens gene pools. Good practices mimic nature and create as little disturbance as possible. The high-pole method, for example, removes trees with a machine like a crane, so that soil compaction need occur only at a few points where the machine rests. Leaving dead trees standing preserves wildlife habitat, and leaving trees along streams and rivers prevents the problems associated with higher water temperatures from sunlight penetration.

Some say, however, that it's better to leave natural forests alone and get wood from tree farms. The word "farm" evokes images of a timeless cycle of planting and harvesting. True, new trees are planted on tree farms to replace the ones cut. And, tree farms may actually slow greenhouse warming. Each crop of young, fast-growing trees absorbs additional carbon dioxide from the air. For these reasons, production on existing tree farms should continue. But it's probably unwise to convert more natural forests to tree farms. Clearcutting a natural forest and replacing it with a tree plantation releases lots of soil carbon as carbon dioxide and creates a monoculture. Cloned trees growing in rows on a tree farm support few species and receive heavy pesticide applications to control insects and diseases. Since it's unknown how many crops of trees the soil can support, we should not get too heavily dependent on tree farms.

So it's a good idea to recycle paper even though the trees that it came from are being replanted on tree farms. The U.S. recycles 40% of its wastepaper, but we could do a lot better.

Still, recycling can't always substitute for virgin wood. Neither paper recycling nor tree farms can provide the high-quality wood needed for everything from houses, to furniture, to musical instruments. Because no one fully understands forest ecosystems, a balance of wood sources is probably best: Paper from recycling and tree farms, and lumber from tree farms, selective logging, and carefully controlled clearcutting as specified by New Forestry. A balance, however, doesn't mean that anything goes. It's time to stop converting clearcuts into tree farms, selling Forest Service lands at a loss, and throwing away wastepaper that could be reused or recycled.

Logging cannot be reduced to jobs-versus-owls. The now-famous spotted owl represents a whole forest ecosystem, not just a little owl that few have ever seen. Saving this ecosystem will create far more jobs (in everything from recreation to salmon fishing) than logging it. If we wanted to compensate loggers, we could. If uneconomical Forest Service timber sales were stopped, the money saved over a few years would be enough to create a $4 billion fund to compensate loggers (at $100,000 per logger for 40,000 loggers).

We all have a stake in protecting our forests. In addition to providing timber, they soak up carbon dioxide, control floods, and lead to new drugs (like cancer-fighting taxol from yew trees). Protecting our forest, while still providing high-quality wood, will require two fundamental changes: First, Congress should appropriate more money to the Forest Service so that there is less budgetary pressure for the agency to sell timber. And second, environmentalists must realize that radical emotional and aesthetic arguments about forests are often counterproductive, and sometimes just plain wrong ecologically. These two changes could open a new era of political cooperation to protect our forests for future generations.

Hockey Games, dangerous security guards and successful parties

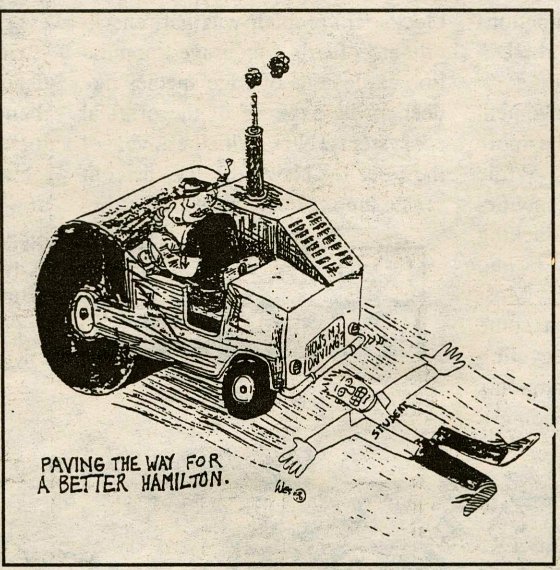
BEN MINTZ

GREY MATTERS

The Hill rang with symbolism this week. The clearest manifestation of our college's sad change of direction that I've ever witnessed took place Tuesday night in the icy Sage Arena where I saw two Hamilton students get physically assaulted as a result of an overzealous attempt to kill one of our last remaining traditions.

Early in the first period, a Hamilton student was watching our season opener against Oswego when he was approached by an agent of the Rooney Protective Agency. The guard requested that the individual turn around and open his jacket so that he could be searched for oranges. This action was an early symptom of the excess that would follow considering that the students had been searched earlier at the door. The student declared that he had no citrus fruit, but consented to the search regardless. The guard was suspicious, however the student actually had no fruit and the could only be left with a warning not to acquire and toss any oranges.

The drama's second act unfolded later in the period as the same two individuals passed each other on the steps on the right side of the arena, coincidentally about five feet from my own place in the crowd. In the midst of the random passing, the guard demanded that the student leave the game on account of his "attitude." The ambiguous and preposterous explanation of attitude was one repeated throughout the night as further complications unraveled. The student responded with a mere smile and the comment that he had taken part in no prohibited actions, let alone one that should warrant his expulsion. As the guard persisted in demanding his departure, the student remained smiling; at one point he explained that he only wanted to watch his "team play hockey." The officer's response was, "Well, they ain't your team anymore!" Perhaps the student was mistaken for a townsperson, because of his lack of an ID card or his appearance. However, last I checked, our games are open to all, and society condemns judging people by their looks.


HOW'S MY DRIVING?
STUDENT
PAVING THE WAY FOR A BETTER HAMILTON.

Regardless of his thought process, the officer continued to grow exponentially angrier, while the innocent party remained calm. The smile stayed pasted on the student's face until the guard placed his hand on the Hamiltonian's shoulder. The student declared, "Don't touch me!" and moved the guard's hand off his shoulder. At this point, the officer unexpectedly grabbed the student and violently threw him towards one of the railings; his head hit the metal rail with a resounding ring and his legs were embraced by the cold concrete floor. (When I interviewed him Thursday afternoon, there were still bruises.) Sensing the severity of the situation, a second student tried to restrain the guard, who had assumed a new position hunched over the fallen student. The guard turned around and attacked him as well, this time he attempted to handcuff the student after the initial blow. After a brief period of chaos, the duo managed to escape to the main foyer and seek protection from Hamilton Security.

While parking tickets may seem a nuisance, these students were probably quite excited to see and seek refuge with our own security. The Rooney crew definitely served as a foil to force us to appreciate our own force more. Our security responded well, attempting to sort out the incident while dealing with several other dilemmas ranging from an injured spectator to two Hamiltonians having sex in a back room of the complex. As for Mr. Rooney's boys, when I attempted to discuss the issue with the agency, the first response was one of incoherent nonsense. This was followed by a statement, "I am aware of the incident, but it's being investigated now." Finally, I was asked to call back on Friday for a statement. Unfortunately, that is after press time.

I consulted with a lawyer who commented that the incident could provide grounds for several legal actions. Rooney Protective Agency, the individual guard, and possibly Hamilton could be slapped with a plethora of civil suits, including, negligent supervision, assault, and negligent hiring. The offended parties will probably refrain from legal action, but in this case, the laws broken serve as a clear, arbitrary reminder of the line between right and wrong violated.

Hamilton College gives the Rooney Protective Agency a great deal of business every year. Almost every party is guarded by them and major sporting and entertainment events as well as high traffic weekends (i.e. Parent's weekend) all necessitate a security service. There are seven listings for guard and patrol services in the yellow pages and I urge both students and administration to stop utilizing this company. The aforementioned fiasco was not the first problem with outside guards. Last year, at the same game several students watched in awe as an elderly woman was hit by a hockey puck. Unfortunately, the guards also watched; they made no effort to clear the area or hasten the arrival of medical help. Furthermore, in the past, this service has proved sketchy. For example, I contracted them last year; over the course of the event, the guard fell asleep for several hours, which resulted in the theft of expensive lighting equipment from my colleagues and me, as well as an influx of partygoers through the windows of E.L.S. After we filed a formal complaint with his superior the next day, the guard went to Hamilton security and gave a deposition falsely accusing us of a variety of serious legal and Hamilton offenses. While I eventually cleared my name, the hassle was not appreciated. Finally, anonymous members of our administration have expressed displeasure with them.

Putting aside rhetoric and fancy adjectives, it is simply sad that Hamilton students suffered physical damage, due to an attempt to save a padded goalie from that same fate. Hamilton has a tendency to enact lofty (and sometimes poor) policies in a fashion that causes the original concepts to drown in the waves of poor implementation. The latter is often not only poor, but harmful to the community and its workings; such was most certainly the case on Tuesday night.

On Saturday night my experiences were ironic, but on a slightly better note. I attended the first annual Gatsby party; this celebration was the brainchild of Kris Korn '98 and Burke McFerrin '98 in order to facilitate faculty-student interaction and provide an alternative from the monotonous social agenda of our campus. The event featured cocktails, hors-d'voures, live jazz, and a fabulous mix of people. The event was open to all Hamilton students and well advertised resulting in the previously noted diverse and delightfully attired attendees. In addition, all professors received an invitation. I was extremely excited to see about a dozen of them at the party, some with spouses and some with only the company of the students. On a solitary negative note, I was disappointed that more faculty did not attend.

The organization of this event was a huge step forward; it is rare to see individuals take the initiative to act on their beliefs. It is refreshing that despite the adverse conditions the students motivated and were able to create this virtually unprecedented event. Faculty-student interaction is a goal that all facets of the community seem to desire, but often seems distant and unattainable.

Saturday proved that while the Common Lunch may be an apparent farce, the ideal of faculty student interaction is achievable, and served as a testimony to the power of the will. Korn and McFerrin hope to have another event, next semester, however the load of generating the coveted casual discourse is not one they alone can or should bear. The Gatsby party was more than a five hours of light; it is an invitation, or perhaps a call to our campus to step forward and give a ball that is now in sluggish motion some speed.

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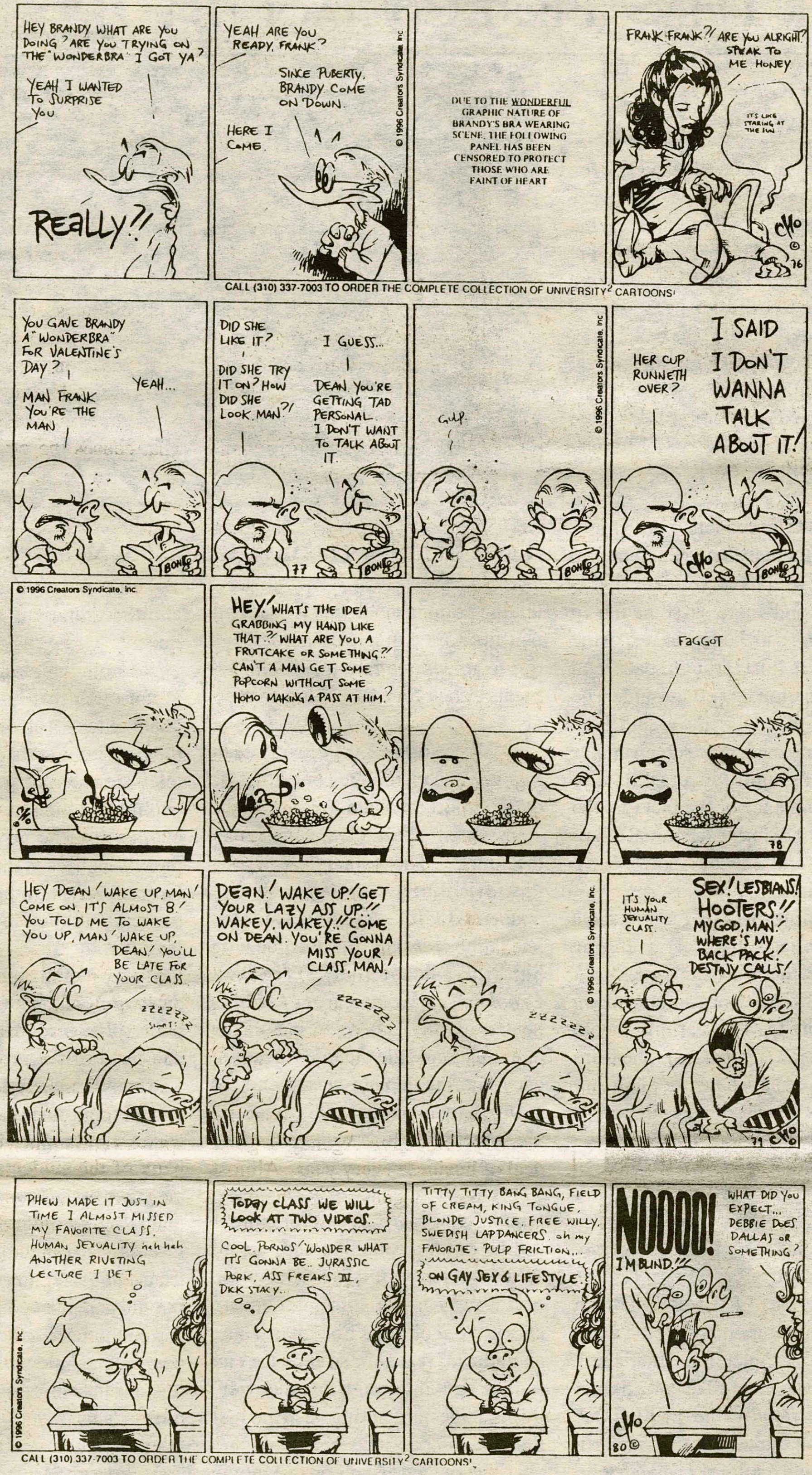
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HERE I COME.
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I GUESS...
DEAN, YOU'RE GETTING TAD PERSONAL. I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.
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TITTY TITTY BANG BANG, FIELD OF CREAM, KING TONGUE, BLONDE JUSTICE, FREE WILLY, SWEDISH LAPDANCERS, oh my FAVORITE - PULP FRICTION...
ON GAY SEX & LIFESTYLE.
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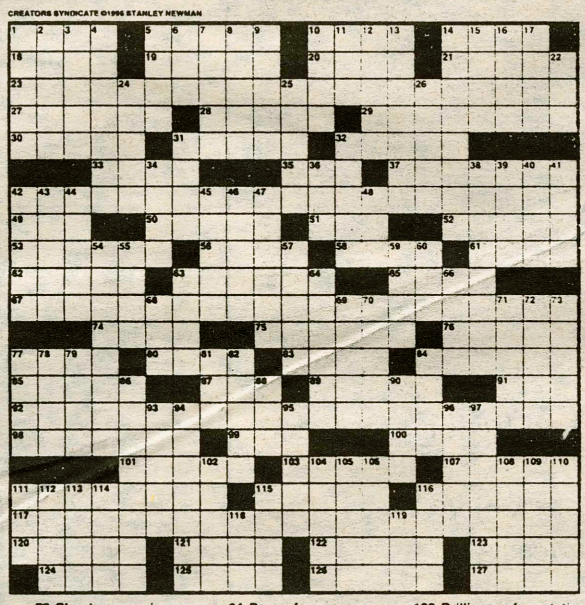
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-Anonymous faculty member

PERSONALS

Dear Jim,

I missed talking to you this Saturday. I would love if you could get in touch with me, but I guess you'll just have to wait until I'm ready to reveal my identity. Maybe you'll hear from me this weekend.

Yours Truly

Jack-

I'm really sorry things didn't work out. I wish you weren't so unhappy. I hope we can be friends. I hope we hang out again soon.

-Diane

Fred-

This whole thing is getting a little too serious. I think we should spend some time apart. It's way too soon for you to move into my room.

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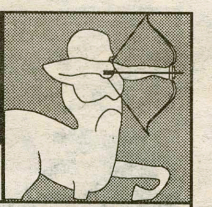

For The Week Of December 6-13

Forseen By Dr. Wonka
a & e astrologer

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23-December 22)

Staying focused and positive will help the next two weeks go smoothly for you. Keep up the hard work, and the rewards will come your way shortly after Christmas.

CAPRICORN
(December 23-January 22)

There are many people in this world that need the dedication of a Capricorn. Teaching a child to read will give you a feeling of joy like you have never experienced before.

AQUARIUS
(January 23-February 18)

Pop your favorite CD in to get you motivated. Let the tunes run through your body and inspire you. You'll feel so energized.

PISCES
(February 19-March 20)

Pisces are known to be very generous people; do not let others take advantage of you. Treat yourself to a little something after all your finals, and take yourself out for a good meal.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

There are many exciting things coming up for you. Romance is definitely looking good for you, along with this weekend. Have fun.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

This week is your last chance to take advantage of once in a lifetime opportunities. Be brave, be bold and do it now.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

You are in demand for your wonderful personality. People love spending time with you. Wearing yellow on Tuesday will bring smiles to those around you.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

To avoid the winter blues, get out and do some Christmas decorating to your surroundings. Show it off to the whole campus.

LEO
(July 23-August 22)

Going for an afternoon run will give you the energy you may need for an all-nighter that is coming up next week.

VIRGO
(August 23-September 22)

You are in control of your attitude. Instead of complaining about what bothers you the most, take action and change it.

LIBRA
(September 23-October 22)

Thinking happy thoughts before you fall asleep at night will bring the happiest of dreams. Try it out tonight and you will wake up with a smile on your face.

SCORPIO
(October 23-November 22)

This weekend is the perfect opportunity for you to catch up on your sleep. You need to be rested for next week because a celebration is in store for you.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

STAR TREK - FIRST CONTACT B

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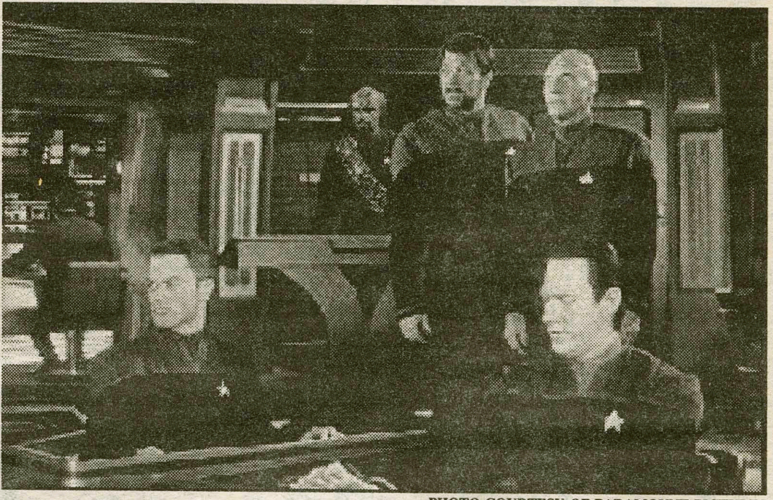
By Kathy Hess '99
Editorial Cartoonist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The crew of *Star Trek* in their new film, *Star Trek - First Contact*

There is a theory that every even *Star Trek* movie is good and every odd *Star Trek* movie bites. What should be added to that theory is that the best *Star Trek* movies add time travel. The fourth flick in the series, also considered one of the better Trek movies, the characters time travel back to earth to save a whale. This time the next generation folks time travel to save the universe from assimilation by the Borg.

The reason time travel tends to add just the right touch to both movies is that there is then a character(s) on screen who have no idea what is going on and there is someone to explain things to them. The rest of the Trek movies float through space, and the explanation is left unsaid. The balance of the plot in the eighth Trek journey onto the movie screen makes it one of the most successful. It is either the balance or the fact that the geriatrics of camp space travel (Captain Kirk and the old crew) have finally retired.

There are basically three plots woven into each other very well. The Enterprise (that's the ship) goes back in time with the Borg to stop them from ending the first earthling warp speed mission (really fast). The Borg is a troop of half machine, half human/aliens who assimilate any people they find. In other words they all have the same mind. They live like bees in a hive, so in this movie they get a queen (Alice Krige sporting an obscene amount of makeup).

One of the plot lines centers around the part of the crew left on earth to make sure that the first warp mission is completed so that there can be a first contact. That means that aliens (the friendly ones) will notice that there is intelligent life on earth and come and explore. The man who is supposed to make this mission is Zefram Cochrane (James Cromwell-*Babe*). Through Cochrane's character, the point is made that it is important not to idealize past heroes, but not to underestimate their achievements either. Star Trek is big on morals.

While some of the crew is dealing with the challenges on earth, the other important characters are on the ship, which is partially taken over by the Borg. The captain, Jean Luc Picard (Patric Stewart-*Jeffrey*) is very concerned with saving his ship. No one in the crew can really argue with him. Lily Sloane (Alfre Woodard-*Crooklyn*), a woman from earth, is healed on the ship when it is taken over. She provides the devils advocacy that the captain needs, and the scenes between those two characters are some of the most poignant of the movie.

The Borg queen captures Data (Brent Spiner- *Star Trek VII*) in order to find out the code that he froze all the computers with. She decides the best way to get the information is to entice it out of him. She gives Data, an android, real skin so that she can seduce him, if through no other way, by his huge unrelenting desire to feel more.

The special effects on this movie are great. The highlights include the first shot, speedily panning out from Picard's eye to a HUGE Borg ship, and the grand entrance of the Borg queen.

Another highlight is the cast. It is not often that a television cast is taken intact from television to the movies; it might be believed that the television actors would not be big enough for the screen. Most of the characters in the movies do fine. Also the willingness of the writers to put in large roles for new beings (Cochrane, Sloane, and the Borg Queen) is refreshing.

The plot is well handled by the director Jonathan Frakes who also plays William Riker, the first mate and head of the ground earth crew. The movie moves from plot to plot without confusing the viewer, even if they are unfamiliar with former Star Trek movies.

One of the things that was a little annoying was what was done with Deanna Troi's character. She gets drunk. That is her purpose in the movie, and if one is unfamiliar that she is supposed to be a well qualified counselor, she seems like the biggest mistake the enterprise ever made in a hiring decision.

So the retooled Enterprise and crew did a good job on their first lone cinematic outing, and as long as Picard doesn't get a toupee, it looks like it could continue that way.

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The deeper side of Patty Larkin

By Christian Tico '00
A & E writer

The C.A.B.-sponsored acoustic coffeehouse has been doing its thing since the beginning of the year now, with numerous performers and special guests gracing the barn in Beineke Village with their presence. Unfortunately, I have never attended these shows, since I don't consider myself a big fan of folk music. Last night's (Thursday the 5th of December) show with Patty Larkin and Kevin Conolly made me see the error of my ways, how I have limited myself by not taking advantage of the numerous opportunities this campus provides, the acoustic coffeehouse being just one out of many.

The audience was pretty full, though, with many congregating on the balcony, dangling their legs between its railings in quiet appreciation of Connoly's bluesy rasp and Larkin's outstanding talent as both a guitar player and songwriter, not to mention what an excellent singer she is. At the conclusion of the insert from her latest CD, *Strangers World* Patty herself puts it best when she says: "These songs began somewhere in the place between a hum and a whisper. After the first breath, it becomes a search to recreate that initial feeling for the rest of a song's life."

Indeed, Larkin does a tremendous job giving all she's got, infusing each song with a soul as she sings it and accompanying herself with a guitar that can both cry and dance for joy, sometimes at the same time. On "Danny," one of the six tracks she plays from her new CD, she laments the passing of four fishermen from Gloucester whose lives were taken by a terrible nor'easter. Yet, on other songs such as the closing number, "Dave's Holiday," which someone from the audience requested after the crowd brought Larkin back with enthusiastic applause for a second encore, you are cheerfully uplifted and even amused by the lyrics' inherent wit. I guess it must have something to do with her being Irish!

The first song she played, in fact, was a little Irish medley with an impressive solo intro. Larkin captured both the audience's imagination and their undivided attention and didn't let go for the next two hours of her terrific set. Most of the songs are deeply personal, though not necessarily depressing as in the blues tradition. Larkin admittedly has her musical roots firmly planted in the sixties and seventies when such folk acts as Joni Mitchell and Bob Dylan were chart toppers. Although she is loyal to that sound, she is also aware of the latest forms the storytelling tradition of folk music has hybridized into. Contemporary artists such as Ani DeFranco, Liz Phair and the ever-popular Alanis Morrisette have incorporated folk stylings into their acts and thus brought it up to speed with the MTV generation. That's all fair and good, but you still can't beat someone like Patty Larkin when it comes to an authentically gifted musician. Morrisette can't hold a candle to Larkin no matter how you slice it.

Larkin's songs are not about trivial matters, they have a certain autobiographical gravity which instills them with a power to move the heart as well as get your toes tappin'. She sings from a private place, yet allows us inside to experience life's ups and downs with her. The privilege of having this access is unlike anything you can get from watching a video on TV...it is truly a unique journey into a stranger's world where we find similarities with ourselves as well. Larkin deals with such heavy issues as divorce, poverty and even death in a comforting way so that they no longer seem so scary because you've got a friend who knows what you're going thru and can help you get there. Patty comes to the conclusion that we "might as well dance," because it's "good to be alive." Truly, it is!

BETA to feature afternoon of jazz and art at the former Sigma Phi house this Saturday

By Mark Wilson '99
A & E editor

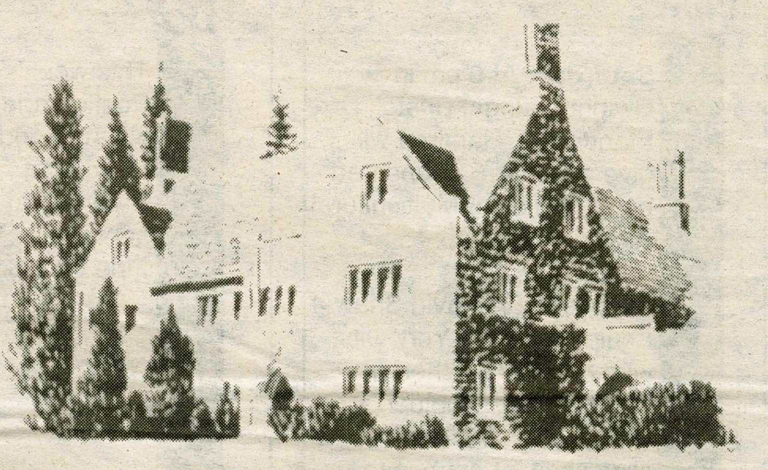
This Saturday, The Better Education Today Association (BETA), is hosting its first arts event on the Hamilton campus in the former Sigma Phi house. The December 7 is an art show and open house for Hamilton students and faculty as well as local community members.

Artists from Hamilton, the local community, and throughout New York will have pieces on display, and a jazz combo will provide entertainment for those in attendance. In addition, BETA representatives will be on hand to distribute information regarding the future of BETA and BETA membership.

BETA member Matt Manges '98 encourages all students to stop by the house on Saturday to check out the art show and to give ideas and feedback to BETA members about the function. He stresses that Saturday's event is not just an art show. It is an opportunity for Hamilton students who are interested in the arts on this campus but need a new outlet for their creativity. If nothing else, Manges encourages students who have not seen the Sigma Phi house to stop by and experience the wonderful interior of the house.

The house will be open for all to see the facilities, some of which will be set up over Hamilton's winter break and completed when BETA opens fully in late January. Manges says that the goal of the open house is to clarify the aims of the BETA for the public and to try and get as many people involved with it as possible.

Here are just a few words about the history and vision of BETA. In 1995, Hamilton instituted its Residential Life plan, a new vision for the campus of the small liberal arts school. As part of this plan, Hamilton closed its fraternity houses in order to integrate the entire student population into campus housing. The Hamilton administration hoped that this plan would help create a more unified college community in Clinton.



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BETA will host an open house art show at the former Sigma Phi house this Saturday from 12-6 p.m.

Since the Residential Life decision went into effect in the spring of 1995, the Sigma Phi house has stood dormant. All the while, trustees and members pondered and negotiated to determine what the future held for their house. Finally a decision was reached and the trustees of Sigma Phi decided to lease their house to BETA. "BETA is a non-profit organization which will supplement the arts in the Hamilton community," said Manges.

The decision was based on the fact that the society wanted their building to remain an integral part of the Hamilton College community, despite the Res Life decision. Plans for leasing the house were underway after New York courts decided not to hear a case made by three Hamilton societies against the school for breach of antitrust laws last spring. For all intents and purposes, this decision ruled out the possibility of re-opening the houses anytime in the near future.

Leasing the 75 year-old facility to the BETA organization will, according to Sigma Phi President Ben Mintz, enable the now empty house to serve the community as well as the campus. BETA was founded by Hamilton alumni who were members of Sigma Phi as undergraduates. The organization focuses on multiculturalism and the arts. The Sigma Phi house will serve as the headquarters for the organization, and will host speakers and lectures, as well as serve as a place for students to display their art work.

Manges also stressed that BETA does not intend to compete with the College's art facilities or the other local art centers, but rather it aims to fill gaps in the curriculum by offering special activities and programs. The events taking place at the house will be open to all members of the Hamilton community and the public. The organization hopes to introduce new programs and activities for students and townspeople that are not available at the College.

Members will have access to the house art facilities, which will include art studios, soundproof music/dance rehearsal space, and a photography darkroom, and will receive free admission to all BETA events, be able to participate in the election of BETA officers, and be able to plan and schedule events at BETA. Membership can be obtained for a $15 per semester donation, and membership is open to Hamilton students, faculty, and the general public. Admission to the December 7 show is free.

Once again, BETA is holding an art show and open house on Saturday, December 7 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at its headquarters, the former Sigma Phi house at Hamilton.

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FILM

This week's film is Il Postino and will be in the KJ Auditorium Friday and Sunday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 10 pm. Presented by Foreign and Fine Film Society.

ARTS

Friday: Storyteller Doug Lipman will perform "Soul of Hope - An Epic Tale of the Baal Shem Tov" at 8 pm. Sponsored by Emerson Literary Society.

Saturday: At 8 pm the Hereandnow Asian American Theatre Company will perform in Wellin Hall. Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Asian Cultural Society.

Saturday and Sunday: Student Choreographers' Workshop will be performing in Minor Theater. Sponsored by the Department of Theater and Dance.

Sunday: There will be a Student Concert performed by voice and instrumental students in the Department of Music at 3 pm in Wellin Hall.

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Saturday: At 12 noon in the Sigma Phi House, Better Education Today Association will be sponsoring an open house. There will be an art show, live music, and more.

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Marietta gobbles up Hamilton 57-50 in Turkey Shoot Tournament

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
HAMILTON	50
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Hamilton Women's basketball began with a fairly solid start; their record is 2-3 with some progressive improvement already taking place. The key to the team's success this year will be for the individual members to pull together and play as a group. This unity will develop further as the team members experience more time on the courts and become comfortable with each person's playing style.

The team's season opener at the Williams Tournament November 23 ended in a fairly substantial loss for the Continentals. Losing to Williams by 23 points, the final score was 73-50. William's team was composed of many big, athletic, strong players, many of whom were returning veterans. Perhaps due to the results of the Williams game, Hamilton went into their next game of the tournament, against Colby-Sawyer, without as much confidence and enthusiasm as they could have had. Traditionally Colby-Sawyer is a team which Hamilton can beat rather easily and this game should not have been an exception. "They were a different team against us than they were the previous day when we were watching them play Springfield. We had a mediocre game and they had a great game - that unfortunately cost us," commented Assistant Coach Melissa Hart. Many of the Colby-Sawyer team members had the best games of their careers against Hamilton. It was a close game, but ended with another loss for the Continentals, 57-61. Although the Continentals came away from the tournament defeated, they did have some real accomplishments. Kim Herrig '98 was the leading scorer with 17 points and the high rebounder was Sabrina Valenta '00. At the conclusion of the Williams tournament, Jessica Levi '97 was named to the five member All-Tournament team.

Coach Don Crist feels that the cause of much of the team's showings at the Williams tournament had to do with Hamilton's practice time prior to the games. "The beginning of the season is always tough because we start later than most teams we face. These games were not a true indication of what we're capable of." Because Hamilton is a member of the NESCAC Conference, the Continentals do not begin practicing until November first, where as most of the teams they play can begin training October 15th and then practice October 26th. Although this reason was not the case in the Williams game as Williams is also a NESCAC member, it holds true of Colby-Sawyer and the majority of teams the Continentals face. In addition, Hamilton did not have its full team together for more than a day before they needed to begin competing. "Our point guard and an integral player, Jen Moran '99, wasn't even with us practicing until after we had begun." Crist explained. Moran, a member of the Hamilton volleyball team as well, had commitments to the volleyball team as the conclusion of their season overlapped slightly with basketball's start. Kristin Pabis '97 was abroad for most of the team's preseason training and didn't return to campus until the day before the Williams tournament. Crist said of Pabis, "She'll help us out a lot because she's a great leader."

The following Tuesday, November 26, Hamilton won their first game of the season in a home game against SUNY Utica. Valenta came away as the leading scorer with 15 points and the leading rebounder with 10 points. The game's final score was 63-43, a large win for Hamilton. The next Friday, the team traveled 10 hours to Ohio to compete in a Turkey Shoot tournament hosted by Marietta. The Continentals won their first game against Denison. Moran and Valenta had outstanding games again, as Moran scored 15 points and Valenta rebounded 11. New addition to the team, Kelly McKeown, played exceptionally well in the game, making some very strong defensive plays.

Hamilton's match up with host-team Marietta was a close game all along, but ultimately ended with a loss for Hamilton, 50-57. Valenta again scored a remarkable twenty points. Valenta has been the most consistent player so far this season. She is the leading rebounder and keeps improving with each game. "Sabrina works very hard and is even still learning, and she just keeps getting better and better," remarked Assistant Coach Melissa Hart. Valenta was named to the Turkey Shoot All-Star Team along with fellow teammate Kim Herrig.

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99
First-year phenom Sabrina Valenta leads the Continentals in rebounding

This Friday Hamilton hosts Rensselaer and then leaves on Saturday for Skidmore. Both of these teams will present a challenge, but are nevertheless teams which Hamilton has a strong chance to overpower. The team's ability to pull together and use each other will determine their success. "The biggest thing we are facing right now is individual focus," Assistant Coach Hart said. The team needs to practice playing each other and knowing what to expect. When this focus is achieved, the team should become a daunting challenge themselves.

All in all, its time to talk some playoff pigskin

TIM BOOTH
THE ABSURD TRUTH

It has been a great four months for sports. Let me recall a few of the images that are vivid in my mind.

—The USA Hockey Team piling on top of one another after defeating Canada in the inaugural World Cup of Hockey. By scoring four goals on foreign ice in the third period, the Americans regained the respect of the hockey world for the first time since the days of Eruzione and Craig.

—Joe Torre weeping tears of long-awaited glory as Wade Boggs circled Yankee Stadium on the back of NY City Police mount. The entire Yankees World Series campaign, and all of the dramatics that led to triumphant victory, will not be soon forgotten by the sports world.

—A bubble blowing eight year old kid wearying unlaced high tops and a Charles Barkley jersey juxtaposed by a white haired, country club stomping gynecologist with a monogrammed V-neck sweater as tiger Woods launches a drive 320 yards. The phenom can't buy a beer yet, but has finished in the top five in five tournaments and is being talked about as the player that will redefine golf.

—The confident glimmer in Evander Holyfield's eye as he met Mike Tyson in the center of the ring before their World Heavyweight Title fight. Holyfield surprised the world by not only beating Tyson, but by beating the hell out of him.

Now, though, its playoff time. Let's talk pigskin.

In the NFC East we have a dog race for playoff spots, with Dallas, Philadelphia, and Washington clinging to 8-5 records. The remaining three games are essential to each team. The Cowboys' season has been a constant struggle, and they have just hit another obstacle. This week Leon Lett was suspended by NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue for one year after failing a drug test two weeks ago.

Dallas was fortunate Lett even played the last two games. One must wonder if the Cowboys will fall from the newest demoralizing news or rebound like the winners they have proven themselves to be. Although I personally would love to see Jerry Jones knocked off of his high horse, it's not smart to bet against them. I think Dallas could either fly or crash.

The Washington Redskins have lost three out of their last four games. All of the losses have been quite close, including overtime losses to Arizona and San Francisco. Terry Allen and Gus Frerotte are becoming new Washington heroes. The Skins will trounce Tampa Bay and Arizona, before defeating Dallas at home for the NFC East title.

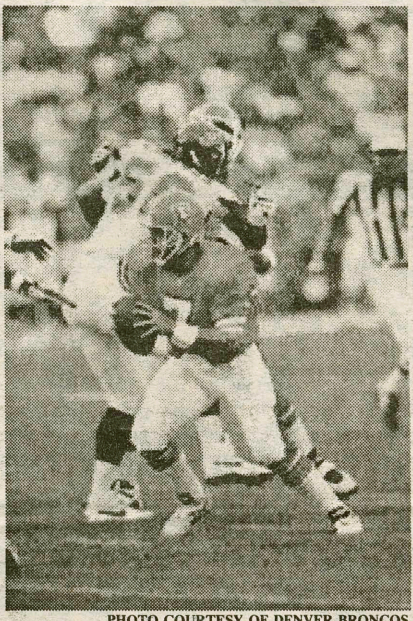
The Green Bay Packers, with a 10-3 record, have played well despite some wrenching injuries this season. Their wide receiver core has been dismantled by some key injuries. The Pack have a huge game against Denver this Sunday, followed by contests with Detroit and Minnesota. They will stand up to the test against Denver and the NFC Central.

In the NFC West, the 49ers are gaining some important momentum for the playoff run. Steve Young is playing with reckless abandon after suffering a number of grueling injuries. William Floyd's return to football after a successful surgery to transplant a blown ligament in his knee, is one of the great stories in football this season. This storied franchise will roll to the division title.

The intriguing wild card matchup will pit Dallas against their football alter-egos Carolina. Kevin Greene will ride away into the sunset with a white hat and Barry Switzer's boots, forcing Switzer to tip-toe around the league searching for a job. In the ensuing week, the 49ers will persevere the heroics of Frerotte and Terry Allen, and the Packers will walk all over the Panthers. With Favre at the helms, Green Bay will realize their destiny at Lambeau Field by beating San Francisco and earning a trip to the Super Bowl.

In the AFC East, the New England Patriots have the talent to win a division title. A 9-4 record and the Bill Parcells coaching factor make them an unmistakable favorite to stir up the post-season. With games against the Jets, Cowboys and Giants ahead of them, the path to be followed is not easy. Likewise, the Buffalo Bills also share a 9-4 record. I still believe the Bills may have some gas left for the long haul.

The AFC Central is a closed book. The league, with all of its weaknesses, belonged to the Steelers from the first snap of the season. Their last three games, though, will test their confidence. San Diego, San Francisco, and Carolina allow no weeks off for the Steelers.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Quarterback John Elway has led the Denver Broncos to the best record in the NFL

The AFC West has been wrapped up for two weeks now. The Denver Broncos are simply the best team in all of football.

John Elway has been winning all of his career. He will become the winningest quarterback of all time by the end of the season. Elway led the Broncos to the Super Bowl in '86, '87 and '89, but suffered losses at the hands of the NY Giants, Washington Redskins and San Francisco 49ers. This season is different, though. He has a coach in Mike Shanahan who allows him to throw the ball and use his athletic ability. He has an offensive line that gives him enough time to stay in the pocket and deliver. Elway has the wide receivers and the best tight end in football in Shannon Sharpe. Most of all, though, Elway has something that he has never had. He has the best running back in football, Terrell Davis. If Elway does not win the MVP award this season, it will be because the former sixth round draft pick Davis does.

Things matter a little more for the Kansas City Chiefs. Their 9-4 record is not at all out of the Oilers' reach. The league's newest rushing TD all-time leader, Marcus Allen will have to have some big games, and I'm sure he will. The Chiefs face Oakland, Indianapolis and Buffalo in the last three games. This schedule is filled with potential collapses. Kansas City will grab the other wild card spot.

On a deserted, dusty street in Pigskin, Texas, two men stand facing each other thirty feet apart. The young kid nods to the old warrior. The warrior sees something of himself in the young kid. They both possess a tremendous will to beat their opponent. This an old-fashioned shoot-out. The warrior has been there. In the end you know he's gonna stick to his guns. In the end, Elway wins the Super Bowl.

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON SPORTS

	MEN'S HOCKEY	WOMEN'S HOCKEY	MEN'S HOOPS	WOMEN'S HOOPS	WOMEN'S SQUASH	MEN'S SQUASH	SWIMMING AND DIVING	TRACK AND FIELD
FRI. DEC. 6	▨ North Adams 7 pm		▨ Rensselaer 8 pm	▨ Rensselaer 6 pm	Wesleyan Invitational TBA	Wesleyan Invt'l TBA	▨ UCAA Champ. TBA	
SAT. DEC. 7	▨ Amherst 3 pm	▨ RIT 5:30 pm	▨ Skidmore 4 pm	Skidmore 2 pm				Cornell Relays 11 am
SUN. DEC. 8		Rensselaer 2 pm						
MON. DEC. 9								
TUES. DEC. 10	Hobart 7 pm		▨ Hobart 8 pm	▨ William Smith 6 pm				
WED. DEC. 11						Rochester 4 pm		
THUR. DEC. 12		▨ St. Lawrence 7 pm		Oneonta 7 pm				
FRI. DEC. 13	▨ Fredonia 7 pm							

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Hamilton squash handles Haverford without a racket

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The Squash team opened up the 1996-97 season at the Williams Invitational playing one match Friday November 22nd and then three matches Saturday the 23rd. The veteran team is led by its three senior Captains Mark Mijangos, Avery Cook, and Doug Prezzano, who play one, two and three respectively in the lineup. The Continentals first match was against Wesleyan, a team that has improved dramatically in the past few years. Hamilton lost the opener 6-3. #5 Ware Sykes '99, #9 Fedor Smith '99 and #7 John Rhoads '00 all won their matches.

Early Saturday morning, Hamilton played the Cadets of Army. Army came into the match extremely focused and in great physical condition. However, Hamilton's depth proved to be too much, as they posted a 6-3 victory. Winning their matches were #2 Avery Cook, #5 Ware Sykes, #6 Mills Chapman, #7 John Rhoads, #8 Owen Grant, and #9 Fedor Smith all emerged victorious. Cook and Smith both rallied after dropping the first two games in the best of five format, to take the last three games and win their matches.

In the early afternoon, the Continentals faced Haverford College. Haverford, in only its second year as a varsity program, was not able to seriously challenge Hamilton. In this match, Hamilton won easily 9-0, and Captains Mijangos, Prezzano and freshman Phillip Budihardjo notched their first wins of the season. This pushed the Hamilton record up to 2-1 and the Continentals faced Bates College as their final opponent for the weekend. The final match would be a show down between the two teams. The Continentals lost two tough matches last year to Bates and were looking for revenge. The match swung back and forth. Cook and Sykes won quickly and the prospects looked good for the Continentals. However, Bates proved to be the better team that day as they took six of the remaining seven matches. Only freshman John Rhoads joined Cook and Sykes in gaining victories against Bates. The Continentals finished the weekend 2-2. Strong performances were turned in by Sykes and Rhoads who each won all four of their matches and by Cook and Smith who each won three matches. Coach Scott Smith was pleased with the effort, but said that "though this was a decent start, we have room to get better. We are expecting good things from this much improved team." The Continentals have two more matches this semester. This Saturday, the 7th, Hamilton travels down 12B to face the Red Raiders. Colgate's team has been hard hit by the effects of Title IX. Having been stripped of its varsity status in its attempt to be gender equal, the program has struggled. The Continentals will look to push their record to 3-2. The final match of the semester will be against the University of Rochester. This will be a challenging match; the Continentals lost twice to Rochester last year. Rochester is a team that is typically populated by a large number foreign players, who have played softball squash their entire lives, however, due to graduation and transfers the team is not as strong as last year's top 15 ranking. The improved squad will be looking to take the match, and end at 4-2.

MEN'S SQUASH	
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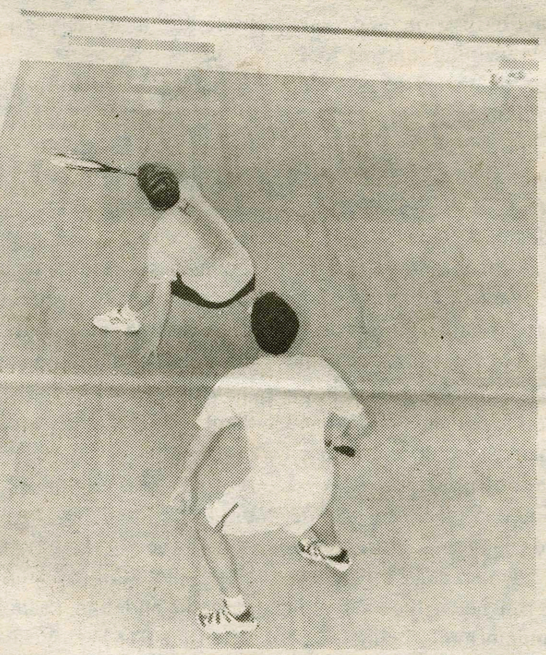

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Hamilton's men's squash team holds court. The Continentals are led by tri-captains Mark Mijangos '97, Avery Cook '97 and Doug Prezzano '97.

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PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

The women's hockey team took the ice against Colgate looking for their fourth win. They got it, and also got some respect from other NESCAC opponents. The team is turning heads with their early season success.

Roberts and Davet get ECAC recognition

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goal to win the game 7-1. Elvin opened the scoring with a goal at 16:22 in the first with two Colgate players in the "sin bin", giving Hamilton its first power play goal of the season. Captain Sarah Begg '97 and Williams '99 scored within 25 seconds of each other in the second period. Davet scored her first of two goals at the 8:32 mark. Allison Fox '99 and Rebekah Coble each had a goal in the second period as well. Colgate did not score until the 5:24 mark in the third period when the game was more or less out of reach. Hamilton had a total of 50 shots on goal bringing its recent two game total to an incredible 110 shots on goal.

Assistant Coach Dave Clausen '98 commented on this incredible offensive output, "The offense is coming together very well. We are shooting to make the playoffs. You earn varsity status by proving that you work very hard, and I think we are doing that."

Two Hamilton's players have stood out from the rest and the ECAC has rewarded them for their solid play. Davet was named to the ECAC Honor Roll for her team leading four goals. Clausen said of Davet, "She is playing great at forward for us. We recruited her as a goalie but she has made a smooth transition to the offense." Also, not surprisingly, goalie Isabel Roberts '97 was named ECAC Player of the Month for her outstanding play in the net. Of the 45 shots she has faced, only four of them have found the net. It should be noted that two of these came with the game well out of reach. She has a save percentage of an unthinkable 92%.

The Continentals next opponent will be RIT. The game will start at 5:30 this Saturday in Sage Rink. Come and give your support as Hamilton tries to keep its undefeated streak alive.

Men's hockey 2-2 despite strong play

continued from Hockey back page

game winner for Hamilton with his patented booming slapshot from the right wing. He has gained notoriety for this shot among teammates and opponents around the league. Brian Grady '00 gave his class year some recognition with the fourth Hamilton goal that gave the Continentals and goaltender Brent Davey '00 the insurance they needed to pull out the win. Davey '00 faced 31 shots and earned the win along with his teammates.

Due to an untimely Thanksgiving holiday, men's hockey has been downplayed in the minds of many students. The team has already played four of its twenty-four game schedule and posts a 2-2 record. Most of the players on the team would say they are not satisfied with the way the season has begun, but ironically none of them are unhappy with the way the team is playing. The team has accomplished most of what it has set out to do. It has consistently been out-shooting opponents and they have undoubtedly been the fastest team on the ice in their first four contests. The team has been able to rely on all of its members to contribute and produce. Yet, the Continentals have not realized a winning record. Coach Phil Grady says he is not disappointed in his players. "I am proud of my players," says Grady, "we hope to play to the best of our ability every game and I feel we have done that. We did that at Bowdoin and we came up short. I wish it had gone the other way but we won't dwell on that, we are not upset about the loss to Bowdoin."

Hamilton opened its season at Bowdoin on November 22 versus the Polar Bears. Beautiful goals by Rod Rigg ' 99, Brian Guastella '98, and Ben Hawn '98 put Hamilton on the scoreboard, but three goals was not enough to beat Bowdoin. A penalty shot that was awarded to Bowdoin in the fleeting minutes of the game when the teams were tied at 3-3 to give the Polar Bears the advantage. Bowdoin managed to score the goal that proved to be the winner. An honorable mention should be granted to Hamilton goaltender Jake DeBoever '99. He played very well for the Continentals and displayed composure in the face of adversity and the two thousand screaming Bowdoin fans.

On Saturday the 23rd, Hamilton travelled to Colby the face the White Mules. The game ended in Hamilton's favor as they ousted the Mules at home by a score of 5-4. Colby was fast, but disciplined hockey demonstrated by the Continentals indicated that tactics was the deciding factor in the contest. Brent Davey '00 started in the net for Hamilton and posted the team's first 1996-97 win. Brian Grady '00, after a huge game against Bowdoin the previous night, suffered an injury when he started his first shift and college career with a hit on senior Polar Bear veteran Hubie Hutton. The injury will likely keep him off skates until January. He led the scoring for the Conts with two goals and an assist. Rookie defeseman Mark Warcup '00 also scored for Hamilton. Both of the other goals were notched by Zac Sweetland '99 who is currently tied with Brian Guastella '98 for the team point leader with six. Other assists were credited to Brian Guastella '98, Mike Phalen '00, Chris Baudo '00, and Trevor MacArthur '99.

November 26, the Conts faced SUNY-Cortland in a game that the Conts would like to forget. Assistant captain Joe Baudo '97 said of the game, "None of us played well and we knew it. I think that is why we played so aggressively against Oswego. We had to redeem ourselves and let the league know we will not be walked over."

As for the rest of the remainder of the season, Hamilton remains positive. "Our main focus is to be consistent in our play," says Coach Grady, "We have proven we are the best conditioned team versus all of our opponents, but we have to decide to play our game. We did that in our home opener, we took control and played the way we know how. Sure enough, we wore them down and came out with the win."

The Hamilton Continentals host North Adams at 7 pm. And Amherst on Saturday, the Continentals will play the Amherst Lord Jeffs at 3 pm.

Hobart next on hitlist

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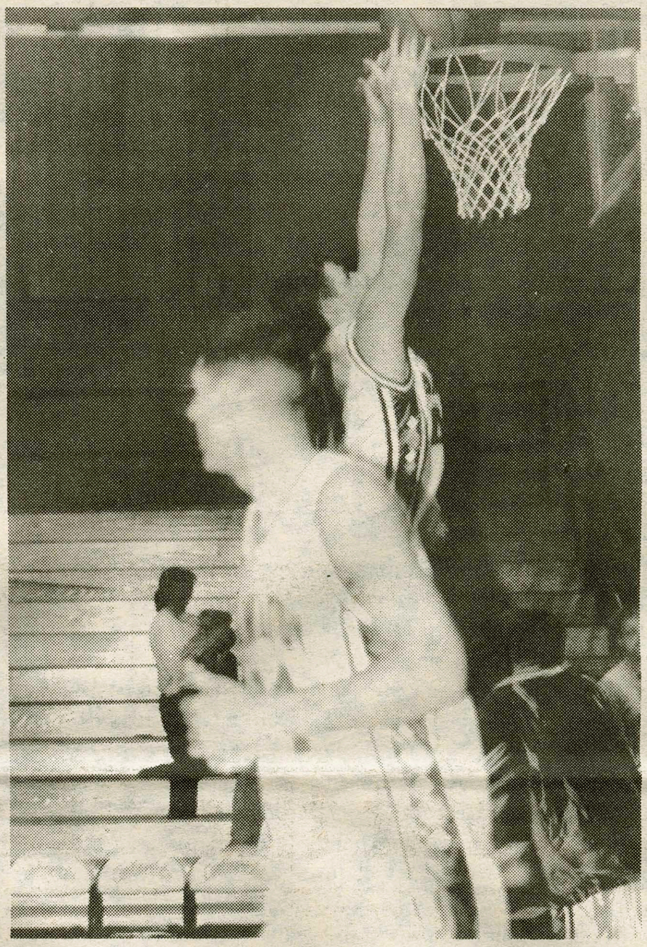
dump the ball down low and play a power game. Schmiegel, Raedts and Schantz will have to play strong defensive games and keep the Engineers off the boards in order to win.

Skidmore College visits Saturday afternoon hoping to record another road victory against the Continentals. The Thoroughbreds boast strong shooting and a powerful inside player in Jermaine Mallory. If this team catches fire, they could be trouble.

Hobart rounds out Hamilton's homestand on Tuesday night. The Statesmen rely on forward Eric Nelson for rebounding and scoring around the basket. Nelson made his mark as a sophomore last year and returns stronger and more experienced. Hobart needs to overcome the loss of its starting backcourt in order to win games.

The Continentals are off and racing early this season. The team has an impressive corps of pure shooters on the outside as well as plenty of depth at the post positions. If the team stays healthy and consistent, look for exciting games full of long-range shooting and monster dunks.



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The Continentals threw down SUNY Oswego in its opener, and hopes to do the same to Hobart on Tuesday.

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Oswego juiced in annual Citrus bowl

Despite 2-2 record, Conts skating strong

By David Andreatta '97
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An estimated 1500 hockey fanatics funnelled through the doors of the Sage Rink this past Tuesday night to catch a glimpse of men's varsity hockey action as the Continentals faced SUNY Oswego in the annual Citrus Game. The Continentals went into Tuesday's game with a disappointing record of 1-2 as a result of losses to Bowdoin College and SUNY Cortland as well as a win against the Colby White Mules.

The mood was electric as the rink buzzed with anticipation of the monumental first Continental goal. As tight as the security was for the game, the hired help did not nearly manage to confiscate all the oranges. The forbidden fruit was sneaked in by students and townspeople with the intention of pelting Oswego goaltender Carl Antifronio after the first time the puck would trickle by him. Orange carriers got their wish when Hamilton opened the scoring at the five minute mark. David Webb '98 handled a beautiful cross-ice pass from Rob Rigg '99 and fired the puck past a screened Antifronio to give Hamilton a one goal lead. Oswego would come back over the next two periods to pose a threat to the high-flying Continentals, but Hamilton rose to the challenge. After falling behind 2-1 at the end of the second period, Hamilton came back to beat Oswego with three unanswered goals in the third period. Zac Sweetland '99 opened the scoring for the Conts. Digging away at Antifronio's covered puck in the crease paid off for Sweetland. He managed to slide it past the goal line behind a furious Oswego defense. Brian Guastella '98 added the assist on the play with hard work in front of the net.

MEN'S HOCKEY	
HAMILTON	4
SUNY-OSWEGO	2

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Senior Joe Baudo stepped aside to let the younger players score the goals in Tuesday's home opener. The Conts rage in Sage again against North Adams tonight at 7 pm.

Guastella '98 later notched the

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Proving themselves for a fourth time

Women's hockey takes their first four, look toward RIT

By Rob Herring '00
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The women's hockey team has proved that they can play on the varsity level with three consecutive wins. The Continentals have dominated their opponents in goals by an impressive 13-4.

The Williams Ephmen was Hamilton's first victim. The Ephmen soundly defeated the Conts last year 4-0. Charlotte Davet '00 scored Hamilton's first ever varsity goal. It did not come until the 3:28 mark of the third period, breaking a scoreless tie. Deborah Elvin '00 got the assist. Davet beat Williams goaltender Kim Whiteman high to the stick side off a good cross from Elvin. The home crowd let loose a barrage of oranges that usually accompanies the first Hamilton goal of the season by the men's team. Davet commented, "It was good to see that we had such support for our first ever varsity game."

WOMEN'S HOCKEY	
HAMILTON	7
COLGATE	1

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Colgate found the Conts to be too much.

However, Williams quieted the home crowd at the 7:07 mark by scoring a goal to tie the game. Elvin scored what ended up being the decisive goal at the 13:55 mark off a shot from Davet. Hamilton won the game 2-1. Both goalies played well. Hamilton goalie Isabel Roberts '97 saved 23 of the 24 shots, while Williams goalie Kim Whiteman saved 26 of the 28 goals in the losing effort.

Hamilton's second opponent was Amherst. Hamilton's offense dominated this game as the Conts outshot their opponents 60-15. Forward Amy Williams '99 opened the scoring early with a goal only 97 seconds into the game. Davet and Tucky Ridder '98 added second period goals at the 8:21 and 16:08 marks respectively. Williams racked up her second goal of the game 1:35 into the third period to give the Continentals a 4-0 lead. Amherst scored its first goal at the 3:44 mark in the third period to spoil Roberts shutout bid. Amherst scored its second goal with one second left in regulation.

Hamilton's biggest victory came over cross-town rival Colgate. Hamilton played a superb defensive game allowing only eight shots and one

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Conts pounce on Wildcats

Home opener isn't much of a game, but hoopsters post their first win

By David Sylofski '97
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Hamilton basketball opened its season on Tuesday with a convincing 90-54 victory over hapless SUNY Utica. Forwards Mike Schantz '99 and Kevin Larson '97 led a crippling assault on the Wildcats from the opening minutes to the final buzzer. The 1,250 fans who skipped the orange game were treated to a modern version of the Boston Massacre.

MEN'S BASKETBALL	
HAMILTON	90
SUNY-UTICA	54

The Continentals bolted from the locker room ready to play. Hamilton opened the game with a 12-4 run and never looked back. Schantz had the first ten Continental points before SUNY Utica realized he could play. Another 18-4 run gave Hamilton a 30-8 lead with only ten minutes elapsed in the first half. The Conts relied on a strong matchup zone and quick fast breaks for early points. The fact that SUNY Utica missed a string of open three-pointers added to Hamilton's success. The Wildcats finished the half with a pathetic 18.9% shooting percentage. As a result, Coach Tom Murphy was able to use wholesale substitutions throughout the half, emptying the bench by the five minute mark. Hamilton entered the locker room with a comfortable 45-19 lead.

The Continentals came out for the second half with the game firmly in hand. Murphy's strategy included using a 2-3 zone and hoping that his team would not embarrass SUNY Utica too badly. However, the Conts played complacently. A string of turnovers and poor defense over an eight minute period early in the second half led to a SUNY Utica run. With a little over ten minutes remaining the Wildcats had entered striking distance, cutting the lead to 17 points. A series of questionable calls by the referees did not help the situation. With Hamilton up by 25, Coach Murphy argued a charging call and was assessed a technical foul.

The Continentals recovered in style with another huge run to increase the lead to thirty once again. Schantz gathered a nifty behind-the-back pass from Kevin Thorpe '98 for a thunderous two-handed gorilla jam. The crowd was on their feet, and before the Wildcats knew what hit them, layups and three pointers began to drop from all angles. The bench emptied as Hamilton cruised to victory.

Schantz led all scorers with 26 points on 11 for 19 shooting. He added an impressive 19 rebounds to his total. Larson scored 23 points on 8 for 13 shooting. His total was padded by five three pointers, three of them which came in the second half run. Center Jon Schmiegel '99 added nine points and nine rebounds to complement the frontcourt. More importantly, 12 Continentals made the scorebook, many of them in their first varsity game. Ben "Biff" Raymo '00, Pete Bishop '99, Lamar Johnson '99, and Brian Murphy '99 all recorded their first varsity baskets. Veteran reserve forward and emotional leader Kreso Marusic '97 scored a career-high four points. J. J. "The Drunken Dutchman" Raedts '97 added seven rebounds and a remarkable four fouls in just eleven minutes.

As a team, Hamilton shot the ball extremely well, hitting 33 of 65 attempts (50.8%). The Continentals made nine of 16 three-pointers (56.3%) in an impressive air assault. Hamilton dominated on the boards as they outrebounded SUNY Utica 55-35, an edge padded by 19 offensive rebounds. Perhaps the only concerns are foul shooting (15/28- 53.6%) and turnovers (20). The overall numbers are impressive and bode well for the rest of the season.

The Continentals host Rensselaer and Skidmore this weekend in hope of avenging last year's defeats to both teams. Rensselaer (0-3) visits Friday night looking for its first win of the season. The Engineers are a young team (six freshmen) led by senior center Jason Poselovich. Poselovich is a strong, bulky post player who averages 15.3 ppg and 8 rpg. Forward Jeff Erker complements Poselovich with 15 ppg and 7.3 rpg. Rensselaer is weaker than in previous years, especially when considering that they lost all five starters to graduation. Although Engineer teams of the past relied on three-point shooting, look for this team to

*please see **Basketball** on page 19*

Scorecard

Men's Hockey	2-2
Women's Hockey	4-0
Men's Basketball	1-0
Women's Basketball	2-3
Men's Squash	2-2
Women's Squash	3-0